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## WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Sanction for Over \$37,000.

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At a meeting to-morrow afternoon the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will consider the following Supplementary Votes (1931 Estimates):—

**Public Works Extraordinary:**  
—Baker Road. Improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital. Payment of Retention Money, \$2,050.

Owing to the extremely dilatory way in which the work has been carried out and also to the contractor disputing his final bill, it was impossible to complete the payments in 1930 and a sum of \$2,050 is required for the payment of retention money, for which a vote is requested.

The estimated cost of the work was \$39,000—Contract amount, \$38,934.

Saving on contract, \$9,351.40. The contractor was fined a sum of \$2,850 for failing to complete the work within Contract time.

### Girl Guides.

Miscellaneous Services.—Grant in aid of Institution of Girl Guides' Association. Provision made in Estimates, \$700.

A capitation grant of \$2 per head is made annually to the Girl Guides and a sum of \$700 is provided for this purpose in the Estimates for the current year.

The strength of the Guides has increased to 372 and to pay the full grant on this figure a further vote of \$44 is required.

### Davis Street Latrine.

Public Works Extraordinary:—Latrine and Urinal at Davis Street. To complete the work, \$2,500.

Provision made in Estimates, \$3,000. Amount provided in 1930 ..... \$10,000.00 Expenditure in 1930 was ..... 3,785.54

leaving an unexpended balance of ..... \$ 6,123.46

The estimated expenditure for 1931 is ..... \$ 5,137.00 less amount provided in 1931 ..... 3,00.00

showing a deficit of \$2,137.00

Progress was delayed during 1930 due to it being necessary to divert the sewer from under the site of the convenience before construction could be commenced. It is requested that a revote of \$2,500 be granted in aid of this work. The above is to be met from savings under Head 31 Sub-head 5 Latrine at U Hing Lane.

### Revenue Launch.

Imports and Exports Office:—Special Expenditure Purchase of Launch, \$33,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$20,000.

For this motor-launch a sum of \$53,000 was provided in Estimates for 1930, and a sum of \$20,000 (to complete) re-voted in Estimates for 1931. Owing to modifications of the plans, the contract was not actually signed until this year and it is necessary to re-vote a sum sufficient to bring the 1931 vote up to the total required.

The necessity of proceeding with this work has been agreed to by the Retrenchment Commission and informally by Unofficial members of Legislative Council.

An experiment designed to domesticate the Rocky Mountain goat and then cross-breed it with the ordinary domestic goat is being tried out in the Dominion Government Experimental Station at the Invermere region, at the suggestion of J. B. Harkin, Commissioner for Dominion National Parks. For this purpose a four-year-old ram and three ewes are in the hands of the staff of the experimental station.

## INFLUX OF GOLD

NOT WELCOMED BY FRANCE.

### CAUSE REVIEWED

### LOANS TO CREDITOR COUNTRIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

An official statement on the recent discussions between the British and French Treasury experts says that the object has been a frank and cordial exchange of views on the principal financial questions of interest to both countries with a view to promoting a policy of financial co-operation to cope with the existing world-wide depression. The underlying causes of the exceptional gold movements between London and Paris have been discussed. It has been confirmed that the French authorities in no way welcome the abnormal gold movements and have been anxious so far as possible to avoid measures tending to bring them about.

The French Treasury, while not considering that the methods of managing the public funds in France have had the influence sometimes attributed to them, has nevertheless, readily stated its intention of taking an account consistent with its own needs of the repercussions which its operations might have on the monetary war debt.

### Treasuries on the Alert.

It was agreed that the two Treasuries should be kept in touch on questions arising from the reports of the gold delegation of the League of Nations. It was also agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries, and the French authorities have on many occasions made known their desire to encourage foreign lending on the Paris Market.

But it is recognised that the present credit difficulties are largely due to a lack of confidence of the investor and that it is essential that borrowing countries should themselves take all possible measures to restore confidence.

### Loan Operations.

Steps to promote effective co-operation between the markets with a view to loan operations would contribute to alleviate the existing depression and all possibilities should be examined.

The statement refers to the League discussion with a view to facilitating agricultural credits in Central and Eastern Europe and expresses the hope that practical results may be realised at an early date. It adds that the conversations have not aimed at definite inter-Government agreements, but have enabled contact to be established on questions affecting the financial and economic interests of both countries, which will be maintained, and the conversations will be renewed as circumstances require. — British Wireless Service.

### Another Version.

London, Yesterday. The Treasury has issued a statement on the subject of the past two months' discussions between itself and the French Finance Ministry. The statement says that it was agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries. It was recognised, however, that the present credit difficulties were largely due to a lack of confidence on the part of the investor, and it was essential that borrowing countries should exert themselves to their utmost to restore that confidence.

The statement declares that concrete proposals are now being formulated by experts following the League of Nations' decision to start detailed discussions with a view to facilitating the placing of agricultural credits in Central Europe and Eastern Europe.

It concludes by stating that the conversations were not directed at establishing a definite inter-Governmental agreement on specific points, but enabled contact to be established on various ques-

## FRANCE JOINS THE NAVAL TREATY

Hope of Agreement Hinges on Italy.

BRITISH VISIT TO ROME.

Paris, Yesterday.

A Franco-British agreement has virtually been reached regarding the conditions on which France is to become a party to a full London Naval Treaty. This fact was gathered from a British source after the lunch given by M. Briand to Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. A. V. Alexander. Last year's triple London Naval Agreement will accordingly become quintuple if Italy joins the Franco-British agreement; otherwise the latter will fail to the ground. Britain having hitherto refused to agree to a safeguarding clause under which France may resume liberty of action should Italy intensify her naval building programme.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander leave for Rome to-night to meet the Italian Government experts.

Later. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander departed for Rome to-night.—Reuter.

### Object of Parleys.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Negotiations on Naval Limitation between Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and M. Briand and Mr. Bismont, the French Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Marine respectively, were continued throughout the day in Paris. Although no official information was issued, it is understood that progress was made as a result of which the British Ministry, with technical advisers who had taken part in the Paris Conversations, decided to proceed to Rome to-night to discuss questions with the Italian Government representatives.

Broadly stated, the object of the present negotiations, as of the preliminary conversations which Mr. Craigie, of the Foreign Office, has had during recent months with the French and Italian experts in Paris, Rome and Geneva, is to overcome the difficulties which remained after the Powers Naval Conference held in London a year ago.

As a result of that Conference a Three Power Treaty was signed between Britain, the United States and Japan, while France and Italy were to continue the negotiations which, it was hoped, would enable them to adhere to the Five Power Treaty.

The object of the British negotiators has been to facilitate a Naval agreement between France and Italy of such a nature as would eliminate any need on the part of Britain to invoke Article 21 of the Three Power Treaty, whereby Britain, if compelled to do so by continental building, might raise the limits laid down in that part. Other Powers signatory to the London Naval Treaty are being kept informed of all developments. — British Wireless Service.

### Earlier News.

Paris, Yesterday. The Anglo-French naval conversations were resumed at the Quai d'Orsay this morning, and will be continued without interruption in the hope of reaching an agreement to-night if possible. If an agreement be arrived at Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander intend going to Rome direct from Paris with a view to obtaining the adherence of Italy also to the London naval treaty.—Reuter.

Turkey's Apinaries at Pentiction say they will probably harvest about 45 tons of honey this season and ship four carloads. The plant has a capacity of 200 tons and before long expects to reach an annual production of from 75 to 100 tons. Some 1,500 hives are now scattered in the interior: 200 at Karaman, 180 at Subutaland, 200 at Oliver, 80 at Kiskiden, 200 at Naranata, 800 at Pentiction, 200 at Nicola Valley and 50 at Lyton.

tions deeply affecting Franco-British financial economic interests. It was agreed that this contact should be maintained and further exchanges of views be conducted as required.—Reuter.

## ADULTERATION OF MILK.

Chinese Dairy Owner Charged.

CUSTOMERS' COMPLAINTS.

Taking a serious view of the case.

Mr. W. Schofield, in the Central Police Court this morning, imposed a fine of \$100 on Lau Mun, the proprietor of the Sing Kee Dairy, 16, Cochrane Street, who was summoned for having sold milk that had been adulterated.

Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) prosecuted Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for defendant and pleaded not guilty.

Dr. Pope said that the summons had been taken out, not in the ordinary routine way, but because of complaint received from people that they were not getting the milk that they should.

A Ruse.

A clerk, Suh Shek-yung, said that on instructions from Dr.

### STOP PRESS

New York, Yesterday.

Negotiations are progressing for the sale of the Evening World, Morning World, and Sunday World to the Scripps-Howard group, a formidable rival to the Hearst papers.—Reuter's American Service.

### Havana, Yesterday.

President Machado had a very narrow escape from yesterday's bomb which a sentry lowered from the ventilator with the timing set at 4.30 a.m. when the President was expected to take his morning bath. The bomb was not lowered sufficiently and exploded in a bathroom in the floor above that of the President.—Reuter's American Service.

Pope he went to the Sing Kee Dairy and purchased a bottle of fresh milk at 13 cents, and paid a deposit of 2 cents. Sanitary Inspector Sheriff came in to the shop by previous arrangement and, after dividing a bottle of milk into three parts, forwarded them to the Government Analyst.

Replying to Mr. Grist, witness said that when he told the woman who served him that he was taking a bottle of milk to the

### NEW DUTIES.

At the meeting of the Legis-

lative Council to-morrow afternoon the resolution appertaining to the increased duties on liquors and tobacco will be formally moved by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

Analyst, she became frightened and said that it was yesterday's milk. Nobody in the shop told him that they were selling two kinds of milk.

### Buffalo's Milk?

Commenting on the Analyst's report, Dr. Pope said that the fat of the milk was good, but the specific gravity was rather low. He would not be surprised if it were buffalo's milk.

His Worship.—Assuming it is buffalo milk, would it be necessary to add water to make it equal to the other milk?

Dr. Pope replied that the butter fat in buffalo milk was very rich, but the milk wasn't rich in the other necessary constituents. He had not known of a dairy which mixed water with buffalo's milk.

Mr. Grist submitted that his defence was that his client vended two kinds of milk—one for stewing and the other for drinking. The stewing milk was imported from Canton. It was the practice of his client to ask customers which kind of milk they wanted.

The defendant bore out Mr. Grist's statement, and questioned by Dr. Pope, said that there was no

## SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF LABOUR.

Mosley's Disciples Resign from Party.

DISTINCT POLICY.

London, Yesterday.

Two members of the House of Commons, Mr. John Strachey and Dr. Robert Forgan, M.C., M.D. (West Renfrew), both members of the Mosley group, have sent a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald resigning from the Parliamentary Labour Party.—Reuter.

[A previous message stated:—There is a distinct possibility that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers may resign from the Labour Party in the course of the week. By the middle of the week the "Mosley group" are publishing a pamphlet outlining their policy as distinct from that of the official Labour policy, preparatory to launching a platform campaign in all the principal industrial concerns.]

### The Mosley Manifesto.

London, Yesterday. At a meeting of the Mosley group of members of the House of Commons it was decided to continue the group's existence, leaving individuals free to take any action they think fit regarding their membership of the Labour Party.

Sir Oswald Mosley to-day issued a new manifesto, outlining a programme of disciplined national effort to meet the national crisis, his manifesto being largely an elaboration of that issued at the beginning of last December.—Reuter.

[A London message of February 22 stated that there was believed to be a distinct possibility that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers of the Left would resign from the Labour Party in the course of the week. The Press Association's Lobbyist foresees the likelihood that the official Labour leaders will interpret his new manifesto as a challenge which will involve the question of Party discipline, and that therefore, Sir Oswald Mosley and his henchmen may anticipate official action by resigning from the party. The point of interest at the moment is how many members of Parliament would follow Sir Oswald Mosley in the event of these prophecies proving sound.]

His manifesto of December last was signed by only seventeen members, while a two-day conference of the Southern Counties Division of the I.L.P. specifically called for the purpose of considering the question of disaffiliation from the official Labour Party, rejected Sir Oswald Mosley's proposals as a party programme by an overwhelming vote.]

material difference in price between the two milks.

Not Selling At Loss.

Dr. Pope.—Are you selling it at a loss?—No.

Do you usually dilute the milk with about 40 or fifty per cent of water?—I do not dilute it with water in our shop.

Do you know you have been swindled by your suppliers in Canton?—I have no idea.

Dr. Pope.—I recommend you to investigate then.

In answer to another question by Dr. Pope, defendant said that there was no notice up in his shop to say that they were selling a more expensive milk at the same price as the inferior quality.

### Case for Defence.

After a young folk had given evidence, Mr. Grist submitted that there had been no evidence of the milk being diluted. The quantity of fat was good, and therefore the milk must have been fairly good. He left his Worship to decide the conflict of evidence.

Dr. Pope pointed out that he wished his Worship to take a serious view of the case. Cases of this type were very difficult to prove, as it was useless sending a uniformed European Inspector to purchase a bottle of milk for analysis. Furthermore, they were in doubt as to where the milk was adulterated. The water might be added or even distilled. He did not for the moment institute anything like that in this case. He did not know how long defendant had carried on in this way, as he (Dr. Pope) took action from the day he received a complaint.

## CRISIS IN INDIA

TORIES TO MAKE A STRONG STAND.

### CHURCHILL AGAIN

### "EMERGENCY" VOTE PASSED.

London, Yesterday.

The Executive Council of the National Union of Conservative Association to-day unanimously passed a resolution by Commander Locker Lampson, seconded by Mr. Winston Churchill, to the effect that the crisis in India was of paramount importance and the Unionist Party were called on to make a strong stand for law and order.

### Churchill's "Vigour."

India was not mentioned in the agenda of the Conservative Executive meeting to-day, from which Mr. Baldwin was absent. Only a few members of Parliament were present, including Mr. Neville Chamberlain. The resolution on India was submitted as an "emergency resolution," and Mr. Churchill spoke with great vigour and congratulated the Council on their wisdom in including India in their business.

### Conference in India.

New Delhi, Yesterday. In the course of conversations with delegates of the Round Table Conference Lord Irwin explained that if Gandhi agreed to a settlement the Round Table might be reconstituted with the possible inclusion of 15 Congress delegates. The conference would then be held in India, after which India committees would be formed.

### Viceroy Explains.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Lord Irwin explained his talks with Gandhi to eight members of the Round Table delegation, who unanimously approved of the line of compromise as regards the constitution of the conference, and the situation is hopeful. The Congress Working Committee has passed a resolution giving Gandhi unfettered authority to conclude a settlement with Lord Irwin.—Reuter.

### COLLAPSED IN STATION

Detective-Inspector Fallon in the Kowloon Court to-day asked for a remand in connection with the case against Wong Fong, who is charged with assaulting Lam Sing.

Mr. M. A. da Silva applied for bail and suggested \$250.

Sergeant Russell said that at 8.35 p.m. on January 3, he was on duty in Yaumati Police Station and an Indian constable entered, accompanied by two Chinese. The constable was supporting complainant, who collapsed on the floor. Witness noticed that there were two abrasions on his chest. While lying on the floor, complainant pointed to the other Chinese who was present and accused him of assault.

Mr. Hamilton granted a formal remand of one week.

### FOG LATER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has weakened and is now central to the east of Shanghai.

Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh to moderate; generally overcast; warmer; some light rain and fog later.

### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—0.69 inch against an average of 2.90 inches—deficit 2.21 inches.

### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—  
Hong Kong ..... 55  
Macao ..... 54  
Prata Island ..... 68  
Manila ..... 74  
Poonchow ..... 47  
Chafco ..... 28  
Shanghai ..... 38

## OFF AND ON THE ROCKS.

On Lee Returns to Colony.

### SAN NING AGROUND.

The s.s. On Lee which went aground near Wanghoon early on Saturday morning, whilst on a voyage up river, was successfully refloated at 3 p.m. yesterday and suffered no damage as the result of the grounding. She arrived here at 8 p.m. and will resume her run up river as per schedule to-night. The passengers on the On Lee, numbering about 200, were taken off by her sister ship, the Tai Lee, early on Monday morning.

The s.s. On Lee (Capt. Bousfield) is a steel twin screw-steamer of 1,026 (622 net) tonnage. She is owned by the Sze Yip S.S. Co. Ltd., which recently figured in the case in the Supreme Court in which the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) gave an injunction against certain members of the Company to cease acting as Directors or otherwise control the Company.

She was built in 1909 by the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., and being registered in Hong Kong, flies the British flag. Her dimensions are length, 165.0; breadth, 34.0; depth, 10.4.

### Off the Track.

The s.s. San Ning, which plies between Hong Kong and Wuchow, is also reported to be aground. Her position is a peculiar one because she grounded 16 miles off the track of shipping on the river. From meagre information which could be gathered locally, it appears that whilst on the way down from Wuchow, the San Ning—probably due to fog, mistook Kerr Channel for Saliam Channel, which is the usual "lane" for vessels to and from the river port. She got stuck in the mud as the result of negotiating the shallower channel, and is reported to be aground, roughly 16 miles beyond the entrance to Kerr Channel. Only a few vessels on the Wuchow run have sighted the San Ning after the grounding, which is stated to have occurred several days ago. It was only after she had been missing for a considerable time that a sharp look-out was kept for her, and then certain vessels discovered her plight and reported it.

### Awkward Position.

Considerable difficulty is anticipated in getting the San Ning off considering the awkward position that she has got into with the attendant danger to would-be rescue vessels. It appears that the only vessels which could safely reach her would be tugs, which, of course, would have to be sent from Hong Kong. It has not been ascertained if any tug has been despatched to the assistance of the San Ning. Owing to her peculiar position there is also difficulty in taking off her passengers who are understood to be still on board.

A steel twin screw steamer of 776 (281 net) tonnage, the San Ning is registered in Hong Kong and flies the British flag. She is owned by the Kam Hing S.S. Co., Ltd., for whom she was built by the Kwong Fook Cheong, Ltd., Hong Kong, in 1916. Her dimensions are length, 132.7; breadth 28.0; depth, 8.6.

### AFTER SIX MONTHS.

#### SEQUEL TO ROBBERY OF JEWELLERY.

To-day Chau Yau, alias Man Kiu-hung, alias Kwai Chi (31), and a native of Shanghai, was produced before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court on a charge of the larceny of jewellery, a hand bag, and a pair of earrings, to the total value of \$5,210, on August 24. The complainant resides at 564, Queen's Road West, where the robbery is alleged to have taken place.

Detective-Sergeant Clarke said that the accused was recognised by complainant in Kowloon City yesterday, and arrested on a warrant.

His Worship remanded accused to Friday afternoon at 2.15.



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Subscribed Capital ..... 1,500,000  
Paid-up Capital ..... 1,000,000  
Reserve Fund and Rest ..... 1,440,506  
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Bombay  
Calcutta  
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Colon  
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EVILS OF PRICE  
INSTABILITY.

Sir Basil Blackett and the 'Monetary Machine'

"A stable price level is an essential requisite for real human progress in the twentieth century," declared Sir Basil Blackett, K.C.B., a director of the Bank of England and the representative of the Government on the board of Imperial and International Communications, at a luncheon given by the American Chamber of Commerce in London at the Hotel Victoria recently.

Sir Basil was dealing with the various causes of the recent catastrophic fall in wholesale prices. He admitted that, in the case of certain commodities, such as wheat, sugar and coffee, the price fall was due to such special factors as over-production or under-consumption, Government intervention, etc. He felt, however, that the underlying cause of the fall in general prices was that "human beings were not clever enough to manage the machine they had created."

He referred, in particular, to the monetary machine, and remarked that, until the advent of money, a fall in general prices had no meaning. He thought, however, that there was no good reason why the introduction of money should upset the position, and produce all the many social injustices which price fluctuations entail. In outlining these various injustices, he stressed the fact that instability of prices, no matter what its cause, was undesirable and harmful. He said that if we had "reasonable control of the machine we have created, the purchasing power of money would always remain stable, and we should

PIECE GOODS.  
PROFITABLE TRADING FOR  
CHINESE.

A RARE ADMISSION.

The reports and prices are published as supplied by importers, and the Central Chamber of Commerce cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Cotton Piece Goods & Fancy Goods. Market remains quiet and there is little of interest to report other than satisfactory clearances and a continuance of miscellaneous small sales of white shirtings and seasonable fancies from stock. The aggregate turnover in this latter direction is, however, negligible in quantity.

China New Year Settlement passed off satisfactorily amongst Chinese piece goods dealers who for once admit to have experienced a profitable trading period.

Now that the New Year festivities are out of the way dealers should be giving attention to their forward requirements, but low exchange is entirely responsible for apparent lack of practical interest.

Cotton values have moved upward since we last reported and were quoted Mid. Am. "Spot" 6.12d. Eg. Sakel, 9.85d. in Liverpool on 9th instant.

Nothing of importance to record since the last report, the market being influenced by the Chinese New Year festival and new business consequently in the background. According to reports the settlements, as far as rice goods are concerned, have been better than for many years and most dealers have been able to realise handsome profits.

The new duties on Woollens imposed from January 1, have been revised on a lower rate for certain lines and this welcome relief should facilitate new business in woollens for July/August shipment. Clearances prior to the holidays were fairly good.

NATIONAL REVENUE  
ESTIMATED DEFICIT OF  
\$36,000,000.

That the Chancellor of the Exchequer will end the present financial year with a deficit of not less than £36,000,000 is the conclusion reached in an article in the November issue of Lloyd's Bank Monthly Review, after an examination of the returns for the first six months of the year.

"In a recent speech in the City, Mr. Snowden was inclined to scout forecasts of a deficit of this magnitude as being too pessimistic. Even so, it is not easy to see what basis he has for this view, though the business world naturally hopes he is correct," states the Review. "There is one final fact which the Government and the country should both bear in mind."

"Whether or not heavy taxation is intrinsically 'good' or a 'bad' thing, there comes a point where fresh increases in the rate of taxation diminish and do not add to the total yield. If we have reached that point, all discussions as to the merits and demerits of high taxation are, from the point of view of balancing the Budget, beside the mark. All that remains is to realise that no further addition can be made to the revenue, and that the only way to balance the Budget is to reduce expenditure."

never have to suffer from a general rise or a general fall in prices." An International Problem. Money was made for man, and not man for money. It was therefore man's duty to see that he could control the machine, taking as his ultimate goal the achievement of price stability. He explained, however, that a stable price level was something far more subtle than a stable index number of, say, wholesale prices; and that no index number so far devised was quite satisfactory—which explains why "We have been content for so long to leave price levels to vary at their own sweet will, and put all our energy into keeping the value of our money stable in terms of gold and of other currencies based on the gold standard."

The problem was not a national, but a world problem, and, unless we were content to sacrifice stability of exchange to stability of internal prices, the problem could not be solved without the hearty co-operation of central banks. What was wanted was both stability of prices and of exchange, and very good reasons would have to be forthcoming before we decided to depart from the gold standard, and to "reintroduce exchange instability."

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.  
APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

				Feb. 6, June, June,		
				1931. 1918. 1914.		
Butcher Meat.				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef	Sirloin .....	牛	尾	肥	lb.	30 24 18
"	Prime Cut .....	"	"	"	"	30 28 11
"	Corned .....	咸	牛	肉	"	— 23 12
"	Roast .....	咸	牛	肉	30	24 22
"	Breast .....	"	"	"	28	20 18
"	Soup .....	牛	肉	"	25	20 18
"	Steak .....	牛	肉	排	30	24 22
"	Steak Sirloin .....	牛	肉	排	44	30 25
"	Sausages .....	牛	肉	腸	30	26 20
Bullock's	Brains .....	牛	牛	腦	per set	15 10 12
"	Tongue, fresh .....	牛	牛	舌	each	65 60 60
"	Tongue, corned .....	咸	牛	牛	"	— 60 —
"	Head .....	牛	牛	頭	\$1.00	— \$1.20
"	Heart .....	牛	牛	心	lb.	24 18 14
"	Hump, Salt .....	牛	牛	心	"	— 20 18
"	Feet .....	牛	牛	心	each	10 10 12
"	Kidneys .....	牛	牛	心	"	15 10 12
"	Tail .....	牛	牛	尾	"	25 20 22
"	Liver .....	牛	牛	肝	lb.	24 18 14
"	Tripe .....	牛	牛	肚	"	10 6 4
Calves'	Head & Feet .....	牛	仔	頭	set	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton	Chop .....	羊	羊	排	lb.	36 28 —
"	Leg .....	羊	羊	肉	"	36 28 —
"	Shoulder .....	羊	羊	肉	"	34 24 —
"	Saddle .....	羊	羊	鞍	"	36 — —
Pig's	Chitterlings .....	豬	豬	肉	30	27 —
"	Brains .....	豬	豬	腦	Per set	3 — —
"	Feet .....	豬	豬	腳	lb.	15 15 —
"	Fry .....	豬	豬	肚	"	28 15 18
"	Head .....	豬	豬	頭	"	18 20 —
"	Heart .....	豬	豬	心	each	15 10 10
"	Kidneys .....	豬	豬	腰	"	15 10 13
"	Liver .....	豬	豬	肝	lb.	48 30 24
Pork	Chop .....	豬	豬	排	"	36 25 23
"	Leg .....	豬	豬	肉	"	36 — —
"	Loin .....	豬	豬	肉	"	42 60 70
"	Fat or Lard .....	豬	豬	油	"	28 21 —
Sheep's	Head & Feet .....	羊	羊	頭	per set	10 60 70
"	Heart .....	羊	羊	心	each	12 8 7
"	Kidneys .....	羊	羊	心	"	15 12 10
"	Liver .....	羊	羊	肝	"	45 28 25
Sucking	Pigs, to order .....	羊	羊	乳	lb.	25 25 22
"	Suet, Beef .....	牛	牛	油	"	30 50 18
"	Mutton .....	牛	牛	油	"	36 26 23
"	Veal .....	牛	牛	油	"	22 20 20
"	Sausages .....	牛	牛	肉	"	28 — —
						82 — —
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Fish.					
Barbel	魚	lb.	45	16	24
Bream	魚	"	24	20	18
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	—	—	—
Carp	魚	"	24	—	—
Catfish	魚	"	27	13	16
Codfish	魚	"	25	16	27
Crabs	魚	"	25	12	9
Crabs	魚	"	30	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	27	23	28
Dab	魚	"	26	16	27
Dace	魚	"	32	23	18
Dog Fish	魚	"	18	10	—
Eels, Conger	魚	"	27	10	8
" Fresh Water	魚	"	24	16	—
" Yellow	魚	"	20	10	8
Frogs	魚	"	62	26	80
Garoupa	魚	"	60	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	"	20	40	30
Herrings	魚	"	22	22	13
Halibut	魚	"	27	13	23
Labrus	魚	"	80	18	15
Loach	魚	"	57	32	13
Lobsters	魚	"	44	02	24
Mackerel	魚	"	28	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	"	30	20	20
Mullet	魚	"	27	18	2
Mullet	魚	"	32	12	2
Oysters	魚	"	21	14	9
Paeot Fish	魚	"	23	30	15
Perch	魚	"	30	16	9
Pike	魚	"	32	36	25
Plaice	魚	"	48	36	45
Pumfret, White	魚	"	33	36	45
Pumfret, Black	魚	"	59	10	14
Prawns	魚	"	59	10	14
Ray	魚	"	16	10	14
Rock Fish	魚	"	20	13	18
Roach	魚	"	28	22	10
Salmou	魚	"	50	86	80
Shark	魚	"	16	8	10
Shake	魚	"	10	10	10
Shrimps	魚	"	38	82	80
Snappers	魚	"	40	28	28
Soles	魚	"	28	22	28
Tench	魚	"	27	26	85
Turbot	魚	"	28	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	"	1.05	40	—



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## SPORT NOTICES

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first ball will be rung at 1 p.m., and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

### HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
Y. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

### THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

### HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931, both days inclusive. Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.

By Order of the Board,  
W. L. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary.  
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

### THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ALLAN KEITH,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

EXAMINATION for NEW STUDENTS on MONDAY, March 2, at 9.30 a.m. School re-opens on March 3.

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### HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE PRESIDENT and COMMITTEE of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society have been reluctantly compelled to CANCEL the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables to be held at the City Hall on February 26, owing to the adverse effect of the prevailing bad weather on the plants and vegetables.

J. T. BAGRAM,

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 23, 1931.

### TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

#### LOCAL EXAMINATIONS. 18th JUNE, 1931.

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## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres—  
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6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.  
7-7.55 p.m.—Variety.  
Orchestra—  
Together, Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra (35883).

Humorous Song—  
I Like to Do Things for You, My Lover (from King of Jazz), Grace Hayes (22388).

Chorus—  
A Cottage for Sale, The Woman in the Shoe, The Revellers (22382).

Song—  
Does My Baby Love? Doughty in the Name, Van & Schenck (22352).

Marimba Orchestra—  
A Bunch of Roses (Chapli), Green Brothers' Marimba Orchestra (22315).

Song—  
Serenade (from Blossom Time), Lambert Murphy, Tenor (4615).

Duet—  
Song of Love (from Blossom Time), Lucy Marsh and Royal (4615).

Singing with Guitar—  
Dear Old Sunny South by the Sea, Jimmie Rodgers (21574).

Song—  
Let Me Sing and I'm Happy, (from Mammy), Gene Austin, Tenor (22341).

Chorus—  
Pale Moon, Down by the Old Mill Stream, National Cavaliers (21399).

7.52-8.35 p.m.—Orchestra.  
Peer Gyn Suite (Greig) (By Special Request of a Listener), Symphony Orchestra (9327 & 9328).

The Swing, Hudson Waves (Pignoloni), Victoria Orchestra (35876).

Finlandia (Symphonic Poem) (Sibelius), Royal Albert Hall Orchestra (35876).

a. Narcissus, b. Country Dance (Ethelbert Nevin), a. A Shepherd's Tale (Ethelbert Nevin), b. Lullaby (Ethelbert Nevin), Victor Salon Orchestra (9479).

8.35-8.49 p.m.—Organ Solos.  
Rhapsody in Blue (Gershwin), Jesse Crawford (22343).

Ahi Sweet Mystery of Life (Victor Herbert), Gypsy Love Song (Victor Herbert), Jesse Crawford (22338).

8.49-9.55 p.m.—Concert Items.  
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Piano Solo—  
Prelude and Fugue in C Major (Bach), Harold Samuel (6124).

Song—  
Carnival of Venice (Arban-Benedict), Toti Del Monte, Soprano (6614).

A Day in Venice (Nevin), The Victor Salon Group (9478).

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Danny Deever (Kipling & Lamont), On the Road to Mandalay (Kipling & Speake), Reinald Werrenrath, Baritone (6636).

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One Lives But Once (Strauss-Tausig), Sarge Rachmaninoff (6636).

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Love's Nocturne (Drigo & Fucacci), Serenade (Rimanto), (Silvestri & Toselli), Benjamin Gigli, Tenor (6616).

At Twilight—Oh! That We Were Maying at Rest (Nevin), Wilfred Glenn (Bass) with the Victor Salon Group (9480).

My Desire—Mighty Lak a Rose (Nevin), Lewis James (Tenor), Olive Kline (Soprano) with the Victor Salon Group (9480).

9.55-10.13 p.m.—  
Gems from "The Love Song", Gems from "The Student Prince in Reidelberg", The Victor Light Opera Co. (35767).  
Gems from "Oh Kay!", The Revellers (35311), Gems from "Honey Moon Lane", The Victor Light Opera Co. (35311).  
10.13-10.30 p.m.—Band Music.  
In Lilac Time (Engelmann), Clayton's Grand March (Blake), The Victor Band (35782).  
On With the Dance, La Paloma, (Yradier), Stahl's Band (35880).  
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## HOTEL GUESTS

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HEIAN MARU	Saturday, 7th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 21st March.
IAKONE MARU	Thursday, 26th March.
SUWA MARU	Friday, 27th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Friday, 11th March.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 14th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Sunday, 1st March.
TOKIWA MARU	Sunday, 8th March.
KAGA MARU	Sunday, 1st March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Sunday, 1st March.
HEIYO MARU	Sunday, 3rd March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Sunday, 6th March.
KAWACHI MARU	Sunday, 6th March.
KANAGAWA MARU	Sunday, 6th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Sunday, 6th March.
TAKETOYO MARU	Sunday, 6th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Sunday, 6th March.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Wed.	4th Mar.
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## SHIP AND THE SEAPLANE.

Lessons Learnt from Early Experiments.

LANDINGS ON DECK.

The increasing use of aeroplanes in conjunction with the passenger liners, and their extended use in the Navy, lent special interest to a lecture at the Royal Aeronautical Society by Squadron-Leader W. R. D. Acland, D.F.C., A.F.C., on "Deck Flying." In the course of his remarks Squadron-Leader Acland said:—  
The design of the ship has throughout directly influenced the design of the aircraft until to-day a stage has been reached which, within certain limits, enables the fleets to use aeroplanes which are no longer hampered by extra strong under-carriages and appliances for picking up wires used with the original arresting gear, details of which I will describe later. Before the war there were few aircraft with the feet, and the seaplane was the only type used in fleet manoeuvres. As a type it was inefficient. It had to operate from shore bases, and the sea was frequently too rough for machines to get off and alight upon.

The possibility of using land machines was, however, realised, and in 1911-1912 the battleship *Hibernia* was fitted with a launching deck. This deck was a wooden superstructure built out from the bridge to the bows. Several flights were made from this, and a similar deck constructed on the *London*. All these flights were of an experimental nature only. The first carrier proper was the *Hermes*, commissioned in 1913. The idea of flying off the deck was apparently not continued until 1915, and in the early stages of the war seaplanes and airships were the only aircraft available.

The seaplane carried did not adequately meet the requirements. Very often conditions of the sea were such that it was impossible to get a seaplane into the air, and in any sea at all the carrier always had to stop or steam dead along to pick up by means of a crane or derrick. Special attention has been devoted to consider future developments on bigger lines, as experiments had shown that aircraft had taken a definite place in naval warfare, and that aeroplanes, apart from seaplanes, could be operated from ships at sea, a very important factor in view of the much better performance of aeroplanes.

The *Campania*.  
The old Cunard liner *Campania* was therefore fitted with a deck nearly 250 feet long, and seaplanes were successfully launched from this deck in conditions under which it would have been impracticable to take off from the surface of the sea. An axle and wheels were attached to the underside of the floats, and the aircraft was flown off like a land

machine. As soon as it was in the air the pilot pulled a quick releasing device, which allowed the axle and wheels to drop off.

Later an improvement was devised and used in the *Furious*. The seaplane rested on a trolley which ran down a slotted rail fixed to the deck. On reaching the end of the deck the trolley was arrested by two arms fitted with shock absorbers. This method of flying seaplanes off over the difficulty of getting aircraft into the air on a day when it would not have been possible to fly from the water, but it did not solve the problem of their return to the ship. The few land types carried in carriers and other ships had as yet no alternative but to alight on the sea after a flight out of reach of land.

During the war single-seaters were carried and successfully flown from very short decks, and in heavy ships both single and two-seaters were flown from turret platforms. In the case of the two-seater an extra long run was provided by placing boards across the guns, but all these platforms have of course now become obsolete owing to the development of the catapult.

The possibility of landing on a ship under way had, however, been demonstrated, and it was due to the lessons then learnt that by 1920 landing on the deck was talked of as an every-day occurrence.

The *Furious* was sent in to dock to be fitted with a landing deck, and experiments were carried out at the Isle of Grain with an arresting gear. This gear consisted of a number of fore and aft wires a few inches apart. At the forward end they ran over a sloping ramp. When landing was in progress the wires were supported five or six inches off the deck by small wooden blocks, thus ensuring that horns or hooks on the under-carriage engaged in these fore and aft wires. Stretched transversely across these wires at about 30 feet intervals were ropes, to each end of which was attached a bag of sand. The intention was that the pilot should let down a hook which would pick up successive transverse ropes as the aircraft ran down the deck, thus progressively increasing the drag and arresting the aircraft. The hooks or horns on the under-carriage engaging in the fore and aft wires kept the aircraft straight. In practice our hopes were not realised.

### Air Disturbance.

There were only three successful landings on this deck, but looking back the reason is not far to seek. The air disturbances caused by the mast, bridge and funnel, all of which were directly in the line of flight, made it so "bumpy" that the pilot had to fly faster than would ordinarily have been necessary. Further, half-way down the deck the natural wind was so blanketed by the superstructure that it ceased to have any effect on the aircraft, which was thus deprived of a very large proportion of the relative wind. For instance, assume the aircraft is landing into a relative wind of 30 knots composed of a ship's speed 15, and natural wind 15. Half-way up the deck the natural wind was almost completely blanketed by the funnel, mast and bridge, so that the relative wind at this point suddenly dropped by as much as 10-15 knots, a serious matter when the aircraft had to be brought in rather fast because of the bumps caused by the superstructure. Fortunately for the pilots, a strong rope net was fixed to the forward end of the landing deck, so that no one hit the funnel, although many made determined attempts to break through the net.

The lessons deduced from these early attempts were:—  
(1) The aircraft must have a clear run so that if the pilot found he was unlikely to touch the deck until too far up he can put on his engine and go round for a second try.  
(2) It was far easier to approach from right astern in spite of bad bumps that to have to drift round the bridge and land forward.  
(3) That in spite of the many cases of aircraft overshooting, with a clear run arresting gear was not necessary.

### Rough Weather.

So long as the aircraft has considerable way on, it is not difficult to keep it straight, and the modern addition of independently operated brakes has increased directional control. There are, however, occasions such as in rough weather, when the aircraft will swing so that some means have had to be devised to stop the aircraft going overboard without curtailing the amount of deck space available for alighting on.

This has been done by the provision of sloped palisades fitted to the edge of the deck at its forward end. These palisades consist of stanchions spaced about eight feet apart, with wires strung between them, and they extend for about 150 feet on both sides of the deck in a carrier without an island (in the island type the island itself forms part of a palisade) on one side. They are sloped up at an angle of about 30 degrees from the horizontal, thus forming a fence which prevents machines running over the side. They do to some extent restrict the width of the deck available for landing upon, since it is quite possible for an aircraft to land successfully with one wing tip over the side.

Aircraft under these conditions can alight on the deck quite successfully in rough weather, when the ship is rolling and pitching to a considerable extent. Extra care has, however, to be exercised, and the pilot must not only aim at landing about the centre of the ship, where the motion will be least, but he must also so time his landing that the aeroplane touches the deck when the ship is approximately on an even keel.

Whereas a few years ago there were a considerable number of accidents of one sort or another, I think it is a fair statement to say that to-day under all conditions about 99 per cent. of the landings are quite successful. With the number of carriers now in commission and the number of types of aircraft in use with the fleet, some thousands of landings must be done every year, and this high percentage of successful landings may be reasonably interpreted to prove that with modern aircraft to fly and modern carriers to alight upon, landing on the deck is now, under favourable conditions, comparable with the simplicity of landing on a given mark on an aerodrome.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bridgewater—South wall.  
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.  
Cumberland—West wall dock.  
Herald—East wall.  
Hornes—No. 1 buoy.  
Hornes—East wall.  
Hornes—North arm.  
Marazion—No. 4 buoy.  
Medway—No. 2 buoy.  
Odin—No. 2 buoy.  
Oalis—in dock.  
Oswald—in dock.  
Oswald—No. 2 buoy.  
Petersfield—North arm.  
Sandwich—No. 18 buoy.  
Sepoy—No. 11 buoy.  
Seraph—No. 12 buoy.  
Sirdar—South wall.  
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.  
Sterling—in dock.  
Suffolk—North wall.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Tarantula—South wall.  
Thracian—No. 12 buoy.

### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Malwa* left Shanghai for this port on February 24 at 5.30 p.m., and is due here on February 27 at about 5 a.m.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* (R/W Cruise) arrived at Chinwangtao on February 24 (Tues.) at 11 a.m., leaves Chinwangtao on March 1 (Sun.) at 8 p.m., and is due at Beppu on March 4 (Wed.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Beppu on March 5 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m.  
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### DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *President Grant* to San Francisco and Honolulu via ports on February 24:—  
M. G. Collins, Mrs. F. D. Johnson, Miss Fay Johnson, Miss Felicia Johnson, Mrs. A. Sartor, Rev. R. E. Wood, J. M. Woolworth, Zolton Coor, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall, F. Lafaille, Mrs. Petra V. Ligot, Roy C. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Bump, Miss Bonnie Bump, Miss Betty Bump, Mrs. Ida M. Crombie, Geo. L. Dobbs, Jose Ibarrola, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. McKenny, Paul Watt, Mrs. E. I. F. Wessier, Mr. and Mrs. George E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barth, Miss Marie Barth, Foster Blodgett, Fred W. Boaler, Mrs. Maybell Bruskevith, Comdr. and Mrs. R. W. Dempwolf, Mrs. Ina Duncan, Mrs. H. H. A. Hastings, Mrs. L. E. Hartnall, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nightlinger, F. O. Pessell, Mrs. D. H. Traphagen, Charles Jr. Winders, John A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rainalds, R. E. O'Boiger, Mrs. Victor Keen, R. Miller, H. A. McCoom, Mr. and Mrs. K. Butterfield, L. A. da Costa, Mrs. T. W. Spofford, Dr. F. W. Bible, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pratt, Miss M. Moor, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dummant, J. P. Bourne, Wm. Gray, Ellis T. Baga, Mrs. J. F. Rhamo, H. Rosenberg, J. F. Jovino, R. Koch, Douglas Smart, Dr. F. M. Dodd, O. R. Hegness, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cooks, Miss I. M. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Aaron and Infant, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morris, C. E. Phipps, Mrs. Hamilton Wright, J. M. Goodeno.

Per m.s. *Helan Maru* for Victoria and Seattle on February 24:—  
The Shanghai Interport Football team (Messrs. E. Munro, Marlin, Costa, Gash, Elliott, Sinclair, Widmore, Graham, Jones, Gutierrez, Murphy, Campos), H. Standring, Miss P. R. Johnston, T. Hideshima, E. Hashiba, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPhoster, S. Kybyou, Frank P. Raymond, G. E. Trepper, Mrs. C. J. Perna, Lantenbach, Miss K. S. Petrus, Miss G. E. M. Luckham, B.

Yamaguchi, S. Ozawa, J. Arnold, R. W. Smith, E. J. McConville, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walker, Count de Festi Stephani.

Per *Empress of Russia* for Manila on February 24:—  
Miss E. J. Alkira, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Inchausti, C. W. Jones, C. Thwaites, Geo. E. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Razavet, Leung Chak-fong, Lee Shee, Chan Ting, Leong Shi.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, Feb. 23.  
Dozan Maru, Japanese str., 978 tons, Capt. Y. Nishima, from Haiphong, buoy No. B25.—Wada Jimusho & Co.  
Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,948 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B29.—Dodwell & Co.  
Tuesday, Feb. 24.  
Coorna, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. Klette, from Canton, Wanchai Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.  
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,295 tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.  
Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kramme, from Swatow, Kallan Wharf.—Wallem & Co.  
Kwong Sang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. H. R. Dobson, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.  
Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.  
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, buoy No. CL.—N.Y.K.  
Oideker, Dutch str., 4,568 tons, Capt. Lenjes, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.  
Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Takao, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.  
Yatshing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

The B. C. Telephone Co. has announced the beginning of construction of British Columbia's link in a complete trans-Canada telephone system. The provincial link will cost \$1,250,000. All Canadian telephone companies are co-operating in this national undertaking.







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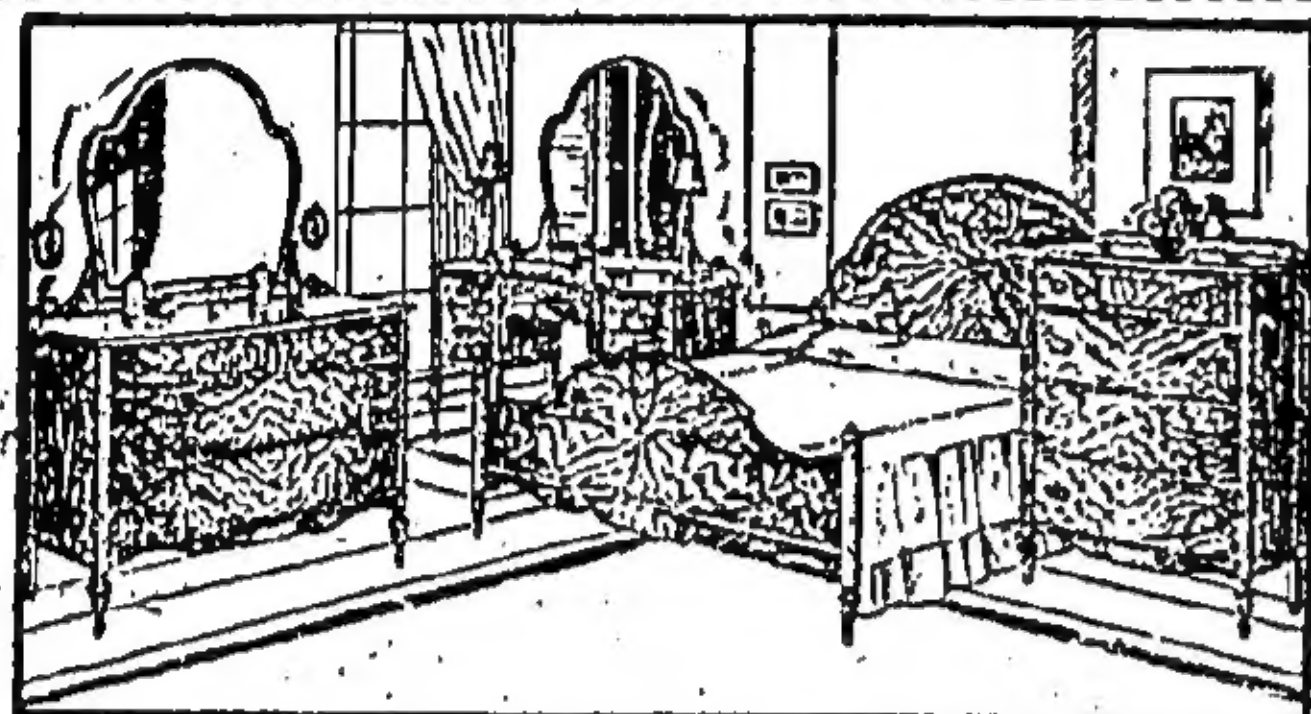
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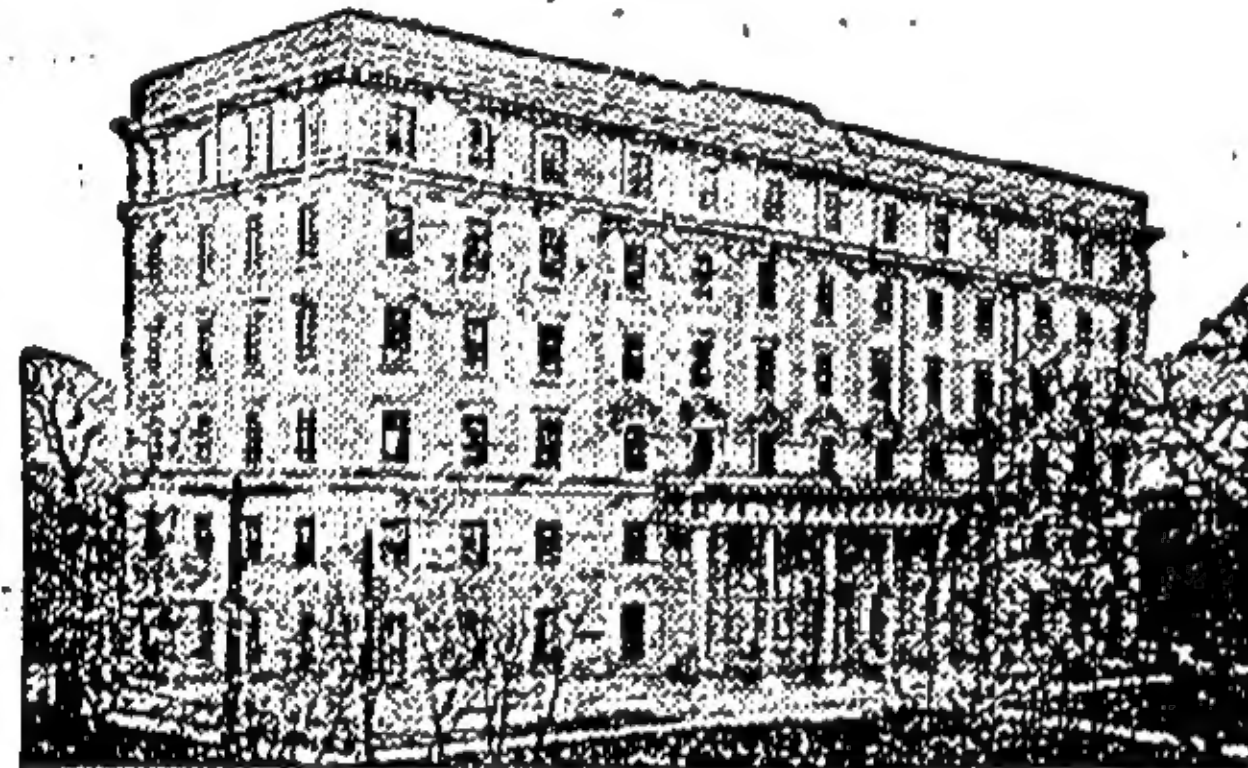


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### AS OTHERS SEE US!

An eminent visitor to the Colony recently unburdened himself on the subject of the Press of the Colony. Without a judge or jury, or even the privilege of retaining learned counsel, we are convicted and condemned out of hand of the heinous charge of being "too parochial." It is asserted with all solemnity that the leading articles in the Colony's newspapers are too prone to deal with local topics which are nothing if not boring to the stranger of high degree within our gates. This indictment is by no means a new or original one, in spite of the fact that we remember a period when it was the exception rather than the rule to find good ink spilled over those problems that affect the daily life of our local residents. The boot was then on the other foot as the ire of the local residents was raised and a declaration proclaimed that "there was nothing in the local newspapers" because writers of the leading articles paid only scant attention to the Colony's affairs and dwelt day in and day out on subjects available to most people in the columns of the newspapers published at home.

Apart from the visitor of no mean degree there are two other schools of thought amongst the critics of the local Press. In the majority are those who persistently urge a policy of forceful attacks on the Government, on Government Departments, on the Civil Service, on public utilities, and so forth. To this section of critics moderation in language in editorial comment does not ap-

peal. They are all in favour of "rubbing it in," "giving it to them hot," "showing them up," irrespective of whether a complaint or grievance justifies an approach to the border line of extremism is editorial language. They do not pause to consider that cold facts have to be sifted from assertions, allegations, and innuendoes—that a bona-fide case must be made out before even a feeble echo can be heard in print of the opinions and views of outsiders. It is a truism that more goes into the editorial waste paper basket than appears in the leading articles or the news columns; otherwise the life of the Editor and the proprietors of a newspaper would be a perpetual nightmare owing to the risk of actions for libel and slander.

There is a second class of newspaper critic—he whose complaint is that the Press is always attacking someone or something; that the editorial pen is steeped in vitriol or vinegar; and of that people are tired and bored. Why not, says this type of critic of the Press, refrain altogether from "attacks"? Why not write about something that is not likely to tread on somebody's toes? Why not choose topics that cannot, in this remarkably strange—queer—is a better word—Colony be construed as personal by any official or by anyone in authority in administrative or civic circles? Why give a lever for the attacker himself to be attacked? All of which is very sensible—up to a point! Much depends on the definition of "attack." Fair comment—the natural and legitimate province of every newspaper—cannot possibly be degraded to the rank of vicious or virulent attack. Every single leading article may not re-echo public opinion, although often an honest endeavour may be made in this direction. Sometimes it may be deemed a duty to the community, the vast majority of whom are inarticulate and franchiseless, to essay creating thought—of acting as guide in matters of vital import affecting the entire Colony. Would, then, it be right and proper for the Press to refrain from publishing all expression of opinions from an editorial point of view? Would it be politic, to say the least, to limit criticism (or even "attacks") to the very minute section of the community who write "letters to the Editor"? Were the views of this class of Press critic to be listened to, even to a partial degree, would not this same class be the first to deplore the lack of backbone in the Press

and to declare that it has sunk to the mediocre level of a country or provincial "rag" without a soul, without one original thought, and minus any care for the welfare of the community in which it is published? The answer to that must be decidedly in the affirmative!

### News in Brief.

A concert of instrumental music organised by Mr. Harry Ore, will be given in the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 5, at 6.30 p.m. If fees are wanted please book from Matron 22160.—*Adv.*

Whilst standing on the stern of her sampan which was lying in the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter, a Chinese woman named Lau Sze, stated to be 81 years of age, overbalanced herself, fell into the harbour, and was drowned.

Yesterday, three robbers, one of whom was armed with a knife, broke into the second floor of 20 Eastern Street. After binding and gagging the inmates, they proceeded to ransack the flat. Jewellery to the value of \$151 was stolen.

A coolie living at 9a West Street Shaokwan, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from stab wounds in the left leg and breast, which are alleged to have been inflicted by a fellow-lodger, who has since been arrested.

"Who are they trying it on with the new Sergeant or the new Magistrate?" asked Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who took over the duties of Kowloon Magistrate this morning, when a number of hawkers pleaded not guilty to breaches of the regulations.

When Wong-shum appeared in the Kowloon Court this morning charged with failing to have full control over his cycle in Prince Edward Road, yesterday, Mr. Hamilton imposed a fine of \$10 and said that this dangerous cycling business had got to stop.

That brilliant production, "The Merry Widow," was hailed with delight on its return to the Star Theatre, where it is being screened for the last time to-day. John Gilbert and Mae Murray are the leading players. The scenes are spectacular, especially the technical colour effect toward the end.

### VINTNERS' VESSELS.

#### WINE-BOTTLES FROM THE OUTSIDE.

An ex-wagon trailing up a sunny hillside between the rows of vines; a chateau on a woody rise overlooking the wide and undulating countryside; a castle, spired and battlemented, high over a little town on the verge of a placid river—such are the pictures which the wine-bottles bring to us at Christmas.

With a little practice exploration into the printed imagery that our wine-merchants set before us can become quite exciting. The indeterminate Graves or the impenetrable claret which was bought last week from the "off-licence" down the road can be recognised again by the picture on the bottle. On the one we distinctly remember the prim chateau up to whose balustraded terrace the vines are clustering; on the other the uninspiring expanse of vineyards, like those in Switzerland, which resemble nothing so much as masses of greyish-green weed left high and dry by the lakes they border.

Round the names of wines rolls an echo as the wines themselves roll round our palate—a flavour of the good old things that are still drawn painfully by man's own labour from Mother Earth. We can taste them like the very grapes itself. The clarets; the names are like the announcements to some great eighteenth-century drawing room—Pontet Canet, Cambeau, Pelouse, Cantenac, Beauséjour, Malescot, Margaux, Leoville Lascazes, Larose, Latour, Leoville Poyferre, Mouton Rothschild—names redolent of the history of place and people. The burgundies have their own music, softer, perhaps, but no less beautiful: Beaune, Vosne-Romanee, Clos de Vougeot, Richebourg (the rich bouquet of the wine is in it), Nuits St. Georges, Santeny, Vergelesses, Chambertin, Montrachet. Not quite so aristocratic, but they are like a banner triumphantly unfurled against the vulgarity of our gins and whiskeys and vermouths, whose bottles seek by flippant shapes or flamboyant labels to draw unwelcome attention to their dubious charms. The champagnes, too, even if a trifle frivolous in their nomenclature (there is the hint of a wink in Veuve Clicquot), have a certain dignity, but they do not present the same defiant glances as their colleagues from Burgundy and Bordeaux.

The French wine-bottles lack the pomposity of the necks and moulds, with their tall thin necks and rather foppishly coloured capsules. These are the dandies. Yet for all their stilted elegance there is music, too, in Liebfraumilch, Niersteimer, Rudesheimer. But the tone is heavy; they have neither the wit of the burgundies nor the breeding of the clarets; and their sense of importance allows their melody to degenerate into such monstrous designations as Winkler, Hunsprung, Beer, Auslese, Cabinet or Hallgarten, Schönbelle, Cabinet, feinst, Auslese. Who could feel really happy in the company of wines, however excellent, with such outlandish names? And who, unable to resist the mellifluous symphony of Berncasteler Riesling, or the still flow-erier Rosenberg, would not eschew, for all its admirable qualities, the cacophony of Berncasteler Pfaffenberg?

These labels whether they bear pictures or printed names, possess a special excitement and esoteric meaning for the discerning amateur. No one, it is true, should choose his Christmas wines by the sound of their names; but how much greater pleasure would one experience in opening a bottle if it was labelled not merely "Sauternes" in a plain border but, as on the bottle which stands graciously empty before me, with out inscription in gold, like a roll of drums, like a flourish of trumpets before a banquet, an inscription, surmounted by a princely coat of arms flanked by two resplendent lions, of the resounding words, "Vin de Sauternes de M. le Marquis de Lur Saluces, Chateau Fihot?"

The kindly marquis steps quietly out of the past, and with his own bejewelled hands pours out his favours on a generation which does not perhaps deserve or appreciate them. The wine tastes all the sweeter for his courtliness.

It is of such discoveries, no less than a garbled glimpse of his chateau and serried vines, that our particular delights are composed.—*The Times.*

### PRINCES CHEERED.

#### WONDERFUL RECEPTION IN VALPARAISO.

#### CITY ILLUMINATED.

Valparaiso, Yesterday.  
The Prince of Wales and Prince George arrived by aeroplane, escorted by six other aeroplanes, from Santiago.

They were welcomed by screaming sirens from every vessel in the port, and deafening cheers from a crowd of 10,000 people as they drove to the Presidential palace.

The city is illuminated to-night in honour of the Princes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

#### To Lead Polo Team.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Prince of Wales and Prince George, who last night reached Valparaiso by aeroplane, received the Honorary Citizenship of Vina Del-Mar. To-day the Prince of Wales will lead the polo team in a match against a selected Chilean team.—*British Wireless Service.*

### MISS MARIA GOMES.

#### COMING RECITAL IN HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

#### WELL-KNOWN LOCALLY.

Local music-lovers await with considerable interest the recital to be given in the Helena May Institute on Friday by Miss Maria Gomes, her first public appearance in Hong Kong since her return from a successful course of study abroad. Miss Gomes is no stranger to the local concert platform, where she appeared before leaving for America four years ago. Since then she has studied under some of the most eminent teachers of the day, and has won golden opinions in the American Press.

The concert will be under the patronage of Lady Peel and Madame d'Albuquerque, and the programme will be a comprehensive one, as Miss Gomes is equally skilled in aria, ballad, or German Lieder. Her repertoire includes selections in six different languages. Mrs. Scott Little will be at the piano.

### IRON AND STEEL WORKERS.

Brussels, Jan. 18.  
A 12 per cent. wage reduction taking effect immediately, and an additional 5 per cent. reduction for March 1 were decided upon by the mixed commission for the iron and steel construction industry. It is believed the decision heralds large scale reductions.

### BOOM CLOSE TO A DULL YEAR IN ART.

#### Success of East London Group.

#### "WINNING MEN."

The end of anything but a perfect year for artists has been marked by a small boom in British art. Each of the drawings of Spain shown by Mr. Muirhead Bone at Colnaghi's Galleries has found a purchaser, and in the exhibition of the East London Group at the Lefevre Galleries sixty pictures have been sold in ten days.

Mr. Muirhead Bone's success was expected. Mr. Bone has been before the artistic public for many years, and in his particular field he is unequalled by any artist—British or Continental. Also Spain is a romantic country, and Mr. Bone has caught the very essence of his subject, and portrayed it with superb technique.

#### No "Sensations."

But the signal success of the East London Group has come as something of a surprise. The artists are all young, and they are all comparatively unknown, as the Group has held only one exhibition before. The pictures, moreover, are quiet and unpretentious; they include no portraits of pretty women, and they are not sensational in any way.

Picture lovers recognise in these London landscapes and "genre" studies the typical light and rather wistful atmosphere of London streets and London life; and as the paintings are all modestly priced—six to twenty-five guineas—they have bought them without feeling extravagant.

There has also been a feeling among the visitors to this show that many of the members of the group are "coming men"—that Mr. Elwin Hawthorne, Mr. W. J. Stegall, and his brother, Mr. Munroe Fitzgerald, Mr. William Goldstream, and Mr. John Cooper, the president, among others, are likely to win considerable reputations.

### MANILA RISING.

#### RELIGIOUS FANATICS IN PHILIPPINES.

New York, Jan. 12.  
A message from Manila says that the constabulary recaptured to-day the town of Tayog from a band of native religious fanatics known as the "Colorums," who hauled down and burned the American flag. After seizing the city hall the rebels barricaded themselves in a convent, which the constabulary stormed, killing eleven persons, of whom two were women. It is stated that the fanatics were urged on by Red propaganda.

A message from Manila says that two of the police were killed and 21 wounded and that several civilians were injured by the fanatics the leader of whom was killed. Thirty-one of the fanatics have been arrested, but 200 of them escaped in the darkness. The situation is now well in hand. The "Colorums" oppose the law and urge a form of religious anarchy. They caused trouble in the Philippines in 1924, since when their membership has increased. The fanatics on this occasion wore red belts in which were sewn papers describing the purpose of their organisation.

### FINNISH POLITICS.

#### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN PROGRESS.

Helsingfors, Jan. 15.  
Finland is in the throes of a campaign for the presidential election. At the last minute, reluctantly, the present Premier and former Regent, M. Svinhufvud, allowed his name to go forward. He will be supported by the Wappoteists. The leader of the Agrarians M. Kallio, who has been several times Premier, is another favourite in the running. The Socialists put up their leader, M. Tanner, and the progressives, Professor Ståhlberg, whose sensational abduction by Fascist officers was the object of the recent notorious trial. The indications at present seem to favour the chances of M. Svinhufvud.

### Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of February 25, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5-1/2. The following is an extract from the report and award list of the Vere Foster writing competition for 1919-20:—"A copy of conspicuous merit and deserving of special commendation has been submitted by Ma Ping-ll, Suiyung-pun English School, Hong Kong. In order of merit he ranks fourth in the Empire. This is the fourth occasion on which awards have been made to pupils from this school."



## WANCHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

## Evidence of the Female Prisoner.

## VERDICT OF JURY.

At the Assizes yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Jessica Maria Xavier gave dramatic evidence on her own behalf to a crowded Court. She said emphatically, in reply to Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Counsel for Crown): "I had no desire and no intention of hurting Manton."

Prisoner stood charged before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. J. R. Wood) on three counts:

Wounding with intent to murder.

Wounding with intent to maim or do some other grievous bodily harm.

Unlawful and malicious wounding of Mr. Manton.

In the course of the hearing, two remarkable letters, which prisoner stated she had written prior to the affair, were read to the jury. One letter sadly expressed prisoner's feelings at the time of writing it.

Asked by Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, why she went for a walk along the Praya on the evening prior to the shooting, prisoner replied she did so with the intention of jumping into the harbour. But she failed to find courage, and thought that there were still hopes of Manton taking her back.

The next morning she saw Manton at breakfast and then went over to Kowloon to see her sister to tell her of her trouble, but when she got there, her sister was taking her bath, and she decided that she could not worry her with her troubles. She did not go there with the intention of getting a gun, but the temptation was there, and she got hold of the key, opened the wardrobe and took the revolver, in its holster. She thought that there might be just one more chance, and, if it was all over, she would shoot herself.

No More Chance.

From the conversation which she subsequently had with Manton she knew that there would be no more chance given her, and she went to the wardrobe, took out the

revolver and laid it on the top of the sewing machine. This was after she had given Manton some fish for his fish.

"My intention was to make a sign of the cross with my right hand, change the gun over, and shoot myself in the head with the revolver."

"The gun went off accidentally whilst I still had it in my left hand. It went off three times. I expected to see a spark when it went off, and I was surprised, and did not know that it had gone off."

As soon as the shots were fired, Manton tried to get the gun, but she endeavoured to put the gun in her right hand and shoot herself. Manton, however, got hold of the gun.

Mr. d'Almada:—What made you go to the police station?

Prisoner:—I saw blood stains on the steps and I knew that something was wrong. So naturally, I followed the trail to see where he went to.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy prisoner said that she did not know even what a trigger was. She took it to be the hammer.

The letter.

The letter was then read:—

To Hasten My Torture.

"What I am going to do is only to hasten my torture and sufferings, as I am lonely and unfortunate and not a soul in this world who really cares for me. No society accepts me as a respectable person who can mix with others because I left my husband and live with other men. Now that I found a real good man and I am ready to shed my blood for him, he has another woman and he tells me to go away and he will give me \$50 a month. What is money after all? I want a home with him because he made a solemn promise and I left another man to come to him. Six years I have been with him and now he says out I go. Will the world think kindly on me just this once only, and please don't condemn me for being a coward and not able to face the world?"

I am innocent. I have no affairs with any other man and my love and attention are all centred on him. He made me close my boarding house on the promise of looking after me till I die, he told me to leave another man for him so I did, and now what? He has a lot of excuses and he says I am not good, but that is his excuse. I am not a saint but I am really not bad. I tried all my best to please him and afterwards others. Will my brothers and sisters forgive me for costing this name on them? I hope to the chair."

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As soon as the shots were fired, Manton tried to get the gun, but she endeavoured to put the gun in her right hand and shoot herself. Manton, however, got hold of the gun.

Mr. d'Almada:—What made you go to the police station?

Prisoner:—I saw blood stains on the steps and I knew that something was wrong. So naturally, I followed the trail to see where he went to.

they will all forgive me. I love them all and I do not care to live any longer, please put a stone on top of my name and forget for ever that I was one of their sisters. My love to all the kiddies specially Carlo and Alfonso and I only ask one favour from them to please teach their children to think kindly of me if ever my name crops up in conversation.

Good-bye to you all for ever. Of course I am including my brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law in my petition. Will you all forgive me? Please do. I wish to live and see all dear ones but I can't. Last and foremost my dear Alfred good-bye. I hope your new girl will be good to you because you are the best and you desire happiness. I am not condemning you for the step you are taking. I am very unfortunate and had been for some years until I met you. Then all was beautiful, glorious and the best but of course everything can't last for ever. So my beautiful time has come to an end and so Good-bye. Good-bye Alice. Good-bye—dear friend.

JESS.

No Change in Affection.

Mr. d'Almada:—When you had the gun in your left hand did you ever constantly point it at him?

Prisoner:—I did not point it at him. I was looking at the trigger.

Counsel:—When you knew that Manton had definitely given you up, did your affection for him turn to hatred?

Prisoner:—My affection for him was the same as before.

Counsel:—Immediately after Manton got hold of the gun, did you say something to him?

Prisoner:—I wanted him to kill me.

Address to Jury.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that it was pretty obvious that prisoner was in a highly strung condition at the time of the shooting. She went to Kowloon and surreptitiously took a revolver from a locked wardrobe, while her sister was still in her bath. Prisoner took the revolver over to her flat in Wanchai. Could the jury believe that a revolver, requiring a pull of about seven pounds, went off three times by accident? He submitted that they could not come to that conclusion.

Addressing the jury on behalf of the prisoner, Mr. Leo d'Almada said that it was her fortunate lot that cases like that, where the private life of a woman and her lover are probed into, were very rare in the Colony. He asked them not to consider the sordid facts of this case, but just to bear in mind facts of the actual shooting.

The only evidence of value was that three shots were fired and that Manton was injured. No one was able to say that those shots were fired deliberately with the intention of wounding or murdering him.

Had prisoner any intention of wounding Manton or even murdering him, there was nothing whatsoever to have prevented her from jamming the revolver into the back of his head, and blowing it off? He submitted that he was justified in saying that the Crown had not succeeded in any way in proving intent, and added that it was proved in evidence that prisoner was right handed, normally.

Onus on Defence.

Summing up, his Lordship, reminded the jury that it was a very sad case, and the story was still fresh in their minds. He would not have to go into the facts in detail, but pointed out that in the first instance it was for the Crown to prove that the bullets were fired with intent, but after the evidence as to the position of the wounds, he thought the onus was then thrown upon the defence to prove that it was an accident. If they found prisoner guilty, it must be on one of the charges only. He left them to decide.

After deliberating for 25 minutes, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" on all three counts.

His Lordship:—"Mrs. Xavier, you are discharged."

INDENTURED LABOUR.

North Borneo And The U.S.A. Tariff Act.

At a committee meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce, held in the offices of Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield (Borneo), Ltd. on January 18, the Hon. Mr. F. W. Pinnock in the chair, Section 307 of the U.S.A. Tariff Act was again deliberated, and Government's reply to the Chamber's letter was read. After discussion it was decided that every effort should be made to understand fully Borneo's position in relation to the ban of entry on goods produced by indentured labour under penal sanctions, and the secretary was again instructed to request this information from Government.

The secretary reported that a meeting of the Borneo Committee had been held in London on November 19, and read matters of interest that had been discussed. There being no other business the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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Rotarian Robertson, in thanking the speaker for his interesting address, agreed that clear thinking was essential. He did not think, however, that economists could produce an exact science or claim to do so, as the material on which they were working was constantly changing.

BRITISH AIR MAIL.

AGREEMENT WITH ITALY SIGNED.

Rome, Jan. 14.

Signor Mussolini, as (acting) Minister of Air, and Mr. Francis G. L. Bertram, of the Civil Aviation Department of the British Air Ministry, have signed an agreement with regard to the air connection between England and India, re-establishing the passage of the air mail via Genoa, Ostia (near Rome), Graz and Naples.

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March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mail.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tokyo Maru); from Europe via Suez (Rawalpindi).

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Ladies' Recreation Club, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

To-morrow—Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Tramways, Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office, noon.

Saturday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

March 5—H.K., Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IN JAPAN.

Journalists Win Signal Victory.

Government interference with the Press has increased noticeably during 1930 and newspaper publishers throughout the Empire faced 1931 prepared to fight for complete elimination of peace time censorship of their journals. It is not likely that their ambitious programme will be realised during the coming year, but it does seem probable, as 1930 draws to an end, that complete freedom of the Press may be expected within a very few years.

The publishers won a most important victory when they forced Mr. Kenzo Adachi, the Home Minister in the Minseitō Party Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Yuko Hamaguchi, to tender a formal apology for the action of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police in detaining a reporter of the Jiji Shimpō, a Tokyo daily, and submitting him to vigorous questioning regarding his activity as a political writer. The Home Minister has charge of the Police Department and must accept responsibility.

The Minister's apology, an almost unprecedented action in a land where "face" still is a primary consideration in matters of conduct, was given in person to the representatives of 15 newspapers and news agencies after the journalists had published a memorial charging the Government with oppressions reminiscent of the methods of Czarist Russia at its worst.

Unreserved Apology.

"I regret extremely that the action of the Metropolitan Police Board was truly lacking in propriety," Mr. Adachi said, adding that he would "in the future pay sufficient attention to the freedom of the Press."

Newspapers hailed the apology as a victory for liberalism and saw in it proof positive that the movement for a Government controlled by popular opinion has advanced. Editors generally believed that with the Diet due to get down to business the Government will treat the Press with the utmost consideration. It does not seem a general attack on the Cabinet by the leading dailies of the Empire was considered certain.

The Jiji reporter arrested was Mr. Masao Hosokoshi, a member of

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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### RIVAL SKIPPERS IN GOLF CONTEST.

Notable Match Played  
in Honolulu.

DINNER TO THE WINNER.

The International Golf Contest for the Championship of the Pacific Ocean is developing into a hot contest. All the masters of trans-Pacific steamers are putting in their spare time on the miniature Golf Courses or driving cages on board.

Another notable contest was recently played at Honolulu when Captain "Andy" Townsend, master of the Matson liner Maui, defeated Captain Shunji Ito, Master of the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru. It will be recalled that a few months ago, Captain Ito defeated Captain George W. Yardley, master of the s.s. President Cleveland in a gruelling contest in Hong Kong. In an effort to regain the Skipper Championship, Captain Yardley has challenged Captain "Andy" Townsend in the hope of defeating him and thus gaining the privilege of challenging Captain Ito to a return match.

The golf matches have developed a lively interest on the part of other skippers, who make a special effort to be in the port where the games are played, not only to take their places in the cheering galleries, but also to be included in the rather elaborate dinners at which the defeated contestant plays the role of host.

The match between Captain Yardley and Captain Townsend is scheduled to take place on the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course in Honolulu on May 27.

### GRAND NATIONAL NOMINATIONS

May Prove Expensive  
For Owners.

ALTERED CONDITIONS.

London, January 20. Under the altered conditions of the Grand National, the race is to be restricted to six-year-olds, and upwards which by March 17 this year "have been placed first, second, or third (by the judge) in a steeplechase of three miles or upwards, or the equivalent in foreign distances or in a steeplechase of any distance at Aintree, Liverpool; or have won any steeplechase value 500 sovs to the winner (selling races in every case excepted).

Out of the eighty-five horses entered in this year's race, a number have yet to qualify, including Ballus, Florin II, Oberstown Prince, Roder, and Solanum. Under the conditions of the race there is an entrance fee of 10 sovs, with 50 sovs forfeit for those left in after January 27. Thus the five horses which have yet to qualify may incur a loss of sixty sovs for their connections if they are left in the race after the first forfeit stage, and yet fail to qualify before March 17.

Horses from abroad about which there are doubts as to whether they have yet qualified under the conditions comprise Aulnay, Bangle II, Gyl Lovani, and Image.

### TILDEN'S PLEA FOR OPEN TOURNAMENT.

Every Possibility of  
Arrangement.

U.S. LAWN TENNIS.

New York, Feb. 15. After a plea from William T. Tilden, II, retiring star of the American tennis courts, the United States Lawn Tennis Association was on record to-day favouring an open tennis championships, which will bring the cream of amateurs and professionals together for a test of tennis supremacy.

Tilden, who ruled American courts for a decade, recently turned professional—United Press.

It is said that preliminary discussions of a football match are becoming more general. What is their purpose? I have little doubt that the primary one—in most cases—is to devise means by which the opposition may be held. In other words the idea is to find a way to stop them getting the goals. —Peter McWilliam.

There is a feeling among certain professionals that it is unwise to play the professional champion outside London, and I personally have no desire to compete in a championship which is played on licensed premises. —Walter Lindrum.

## Sport Columns

### FINE STRUGGLE FOR THE LEAD.

Last Over Before Lunch  
Spells Doom.

VINCENT FOR 51.

Durban, Yesterday. Before 1,000 spectators Wyatt and Hammond opened the England innings in fine weather and on a good wicket against the bowling of Bell and Cochrane. Both batsmen found scoring very difficult, and when lunch was taken the score stood at only 56, with two wickets down.

The pair, batting steadily, took the score past the half century, but at 56, Hammond was caught off Vincent. 56—1—29. Without any addition Wyatt was snapped up behind the wicket off Bell. 56—2—24. Both batsmen had lost their wickets in the last over before the luncheon interval.

A crowd of 5,000 spectators witnessed a fine struggle for runs when Leyland and Hendren became associated in a dogged partnership for the third wicket, but with 31 runs added, Leyland stepped in front of a straight one from Bell. 87—3—8. Hendren remained to see the century hoisted but left one run later. 101—4—30. Turnbull left at the same total, being clean bowled by McMillan. Yet another wicket fell before the tea interval, Chapman being caught off Vincent. 126—5—24. Farrimond (21) and Tate (15) saw the score advanced to 193 before tea was taken.

Continuing after the tea interval the pair added 25 runs before Farrimond fell before the wiles of Vincent. 188—7—35. The seventh wicket partnership had added an invaluable 62 runs and had placed England in a more promising position. Further disaster, however, was in store for the tourists as Voce left at the same total. The ninth wicket, in an heroic effort to snatch the lead, added 35 runs before Tate was clean bowled soon after he had reached the half century.

The end soon came and England found themselves 22 runs in arrears on the first innings. It was Vincent who caused all the damage and his figures are well worth recording:—

O. M. R. W.  
31.2 9 51 6  
At the close of play South Africa held a lead of 25 runs with all their second innings wickets intact.

Scores:—  
South Africa—1st innings.

I. J. Siedle, c and b White	57
B. Mitchell, b Hammond	73
J. A. Christie, b Peebles	16
H. W. Taylor, c b Peebles	16
Viljoen, c Hammond b Tate	16
H. B. Cameron, b Voce	4
E. L. Dalton, c Farrimond b Hammond	31
Q. McMillan, not out	29
C. L. Vincent, c Chapman b Peebles	6
A. J. Bell, b Voce	0
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Cochrane, b Peebles	4
Extra	0

Total ..... 252  
Fall of the wickets: 1 for 127, 2 for 131, 3 for 167, 4 for 164, 5 for 168, 6 for 205, 7 for 221, 8 for 242, 9 for 245, 10 for 252.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Tate ..... 22.4 35 1  
Hammond ..... 19.6 35 2  
Voce ..... 27.10 51 2  
I. A. R. Peebles ..... 27.4 67 4  
J. C. White ..... 35.9 63 1

England—1st innings.  
R.E.S. Wyatt, c Cameron b Bell ..... 24  
Hammond, c Mitchell ..... 29  
Vincent ..... 28  
Leyland, b.w., b Bell ..... 29  
Hendren, c McMillan b Vincent ..... 6  
M.J. Turnbull, b McMillan ..... 30  
Farrimond, c Taylor, b Vincent ..... 35  
A. P. F. Chapman, c McMillan, b Vincent ..... 24  
Tate, b Vincent ..... 60  
Voce, c Bell, b McMillan ..... 10  
J. C. White, c b Vincent ..... 0  
I. A. R. Peebles, not out ..... 2  
Extra ..... 12

Total ..... 230  
Fall of the wickets: 1 for 56, 2 for 53, 3 for 87, 4 for 101, 5 for 101, 6 for 126, 7 for 183, 8 for 188, 9 for 223, 10 for 230.

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O. M. R. W.  
Bell ..... 20.4 83 2  
Cochrane ..... 23.5 47 0  
Vincent ..... 31.2 9 51 6  
McMillan ..... 17.3 57 2

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

### SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Celtic Defeat Hamilton  
Academicals.

NARROW MARGIN.

Another match in the Scottish League was played yesterday in Glasgow, Celtic meeting Hamilton Academicals and winning by the narrow margin of one goal.

Result as cabled by Reuters:—  
Celtic 2 Hamilton A. 1

REVISED TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	29	19	6	13	82	44	44
Celtic	27	18	6	2	76	26	42
Rangers	23	18	5	5	70	23	41
Partick	29	17	3	9	59	39	37
Hearts	29	16	3	10	70	51	36
Hamilton	30	15	3	12	52	41	33
Aberdeen	31	13	5	13	61	53	31
Dundee	27	14	3	10	51	45	31
Airdrie	29	14	3	12	47	53	31
Cowdenbeath	28	12	5	11	40	43	29
St. Mirren	23	11	6	11	46	48	28
Clyde	29	11	4	14	48	65	28
Kilmarnock	28	10	5	13	40	63	25
Queen's Park	27	9	5	13	47	61	24
Leith	29	7	9	13	40	61	23
Falkirk	23	10	2	16	68	69	22
Hibernians	30	7	6	17	39	60	20
Ayr	27	3	9	15	35	66	16
East Fife	29	3	4	22	32	99	10

### RIFLE SHOOTING ABROAD.

Wrong Interpretation of  
Rules and Conditions.

EXPERTS OUTCLASSED.

London, Jan. 23.

Impressively high totals made at the rifle shooting competitions among units of the British Army stationed abroad recently, somewhat puzzled the Army Rifle Association headquarters in London. The figures appeared so surprising that the committee which examined them called in the aid of the best rifle shots in the British Army and a match was shot under identical conditions by a team of the best shots of the Small Arms School, Hythe. It was then found that these expert shots could not equal the scores submitted and the Committee, therefore, decided that the Association's rules and match conditions had not been interpreted correctly. These facts were related at the annual meeting of the Army Rifle Association held at the War Office this week and a suggestion was made that as a central supervising body for matches held abroad was out of the question, the only way to promote fair competition was to put the rules and conditions fully on paper and insist that they be rigidly carried out. The problem was considered in private by the committee.

### FENCING.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR  
TOURNAMENT.

DATE ANNOUNCED.

A fencing tournament will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 8.30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. This tournament which will include events for ladies will be held under the auspices of the Fencing Club, and if the weather permits, will take place on the lawn, tea being served throughout the programme of events. The programme is as follows.

Ladies' Foils—Misses Halifax, Beavis, Bonnar, Clare, Scother and others.  
Epee Poule—Messrs. Ainger, Brandie, Pinguet, Sommerhaugh, Southby, Anstruther, Locke and Baxter.  
Sabre Contest—Messrs. Sommerhaugh and Anstruther.  
Final of the Ladies' Foils.  
Foil Contest—Commander Southby and Mr. Locke.

South Africa—2nd innings.  
I. J. Siedle, not out ..... 0  
B. Mitchell, not out ..... 2  
Extra ..... 1  
Total (for no wicket) ..... 3  
—Reuters.

### LOCAL LEAGUE.

University Eleven Against Police.

The following have been selected to represent the University Second XI in a League match against the Police R.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m. at Happy Valley:—K. T. Luke (Captain), A. A. Az, G. B. Segill, P. N. de Silva, R. E. G. Leong, H. Nomanboy, G. E. Yeoh, P. T. Tan, E. Gosano, F. Zimmerman, and W. James.  
Reserve: W. K. Choa.

### PHAR LAP CAUSES PARTNERSHIP.

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Combine.

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Mr. D. J. Davis, owner of Phar Lap, and H. K. Telford the chestnut's trainer and leaser, have arranged a partnership. As Telford "made" the champion it is fitting he should continue to train him.

The terms of the partnership in Phar Lap have not been disclosed, and while they are satisfactory to Telford, it is reasonable to assume Mr. Davis will take the greater share of the horse's earnings.

Of the £46,362 already won by Phar Lap, Telford's share was two-thirds, and though some of the w.f.a. races in the Autumn and the Spring will not be as valuable as in the past, they assure a substantial income to Messrs. Davis and Telford if nothing goes amiss with the horse.

### Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Chinese

v. Portuguese.  
Saturday—First Division—Club de Recreo v. Police R.C.; Kowloon F.C. v. South China A.A.; Chinese Athletic v. Borderers; Argyle v. Navy; Club v. St. Joseph's.

Second Division—Borderers v. Navy; Chinese Athletic v. St. Joseph's; South China A.A. v. Royal Artillery; Argyle v. Club; Kowloon F.C. v. University; Eastern v. Club de Recreo.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—Singles—A. H. Rumjahn v. D. W. Deane, Horace Lo v. D. S. Green, E. C. Fincher v. R. Choa, E. Zimmerman v. H. Harkins, M. Kinoshita v. Luk Ding-cheong; Open Doubles—Ng Kim-chuen and Tsoi Ping-nam v. A. C. I. Bowker and W. M. Barton.

To-morrow—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—Paul Kong v. S. W. Leonard; Open Doubles—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. E. and F. R. Zimmerman, G. W. A. Tuffin and J. C. P. Tash v. W. C. Hung and Chiu Chun-chiu, D. W. Deane and W. N. Petch v. H. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes.

Friday—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—Ng Sze-kwong v. A. O. Johnson, D. J. Valentine v. E. C. Etherington; Open Doubles—G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Silva v. E. T. E. Nash and Rocha v. B. Nicholson, Ho Wai-king and Ju Tak-lam v. Chan So and Wong Shu-wing, Luk Kang-cheong and Luk Ding-cheong v. D. L. Prophet and H. R. Forsyth, A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madan v. C. E. Holmes and D. B. Evans.

HUNTING—To-day—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet, Dill's Corner, 3.15 p.m.

GOLF—Friday—Ladies' Captain's Cup (Round), Fanning, March 24—Ladies' Section—Prize Giving, Fanning.

CHESS—Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

CRICKET—Saturday—Division I—University v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Division II—Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L.); Club de Recreo v. Police R.C. (F.).

RACING—Saturday, 1.30 p.m.—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 11.30 a.m.—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

HOCKEY—Saturday—Caer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School; St. Andrew's Club v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

March 21—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 3—Marathon Race, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

### HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—English Cup—Fourth Round; Scottish Cup—Fourth Round.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Ireland v. Scotland, Dublin; Wales v. France, Swansea.

### INDIAN HOCKEY CHALLENGE.

Competing for World's  
Hockey Title.

LAHORE TRIALS.

An important announcement was made at the annual general meeting of the Bengal Hockey Association, that the Indian Hockey Federation are sending a strong team, picked after the inter-provincial games at Lahore, to Calcutta in April to play two trial matches against teams picked by the Bengal Hockey Association and, on the form shown, in these trial games, the final team will be picked for the 1932 tour of Great Britain and the world's hockey title is to be defended at Los Angeles.

### THE "BUTTERFLIES & THE JESTERS."

Remarkable Growth of  
the Jesters.

POSSIBLY "JESTERETTES."

Everybody who is anybody in the world of cricket knows the Butterflies. The history of the Butterflies Club would fill a very large book, writes F. B. Wilson, formerly Cricket Captain of Cambridge University, in a home paper.

Briefly, it was formed by two Rugbians, who, not getting sufficiently good cricket at Rugby, neither had a hope of even being tried for the Second XI—began an independent club of their own.

Shortly the first eleven wanted to be members, and later Winchester, Eton, Harrow, Westminster and Charterhouse men were made eligible for election.

These five schools, with Rugby, the founders, are the Butterfly Schools, and no others need apply. Even Anthony Wilson, son of one of the founders, was not allowed even as an honorary member, he not having been to a Butterfly School.

Et Ceteras' Birth.

Players from Butterfly Schools only can become Perambulators: those from other schools, as the name rather rudely suggests, are Et Ceteras. The cap made famous by G. L. Jessop, a cap too seldom used, was an Et Cetera.

The Jesters, was formed in 1928 by two boys at St. Paul's School, J. F. Burnett and J. G. Richards. The club was started as a jest to raise sides for a few friendly cricket matches, for "cricket as you like it," as the two founders explained.

Burnett and Richards took on the difficult and often thankless jobs of secretary and assistant secretary, when it was determined to enlarge the precincts of the club.

"As You Like It."

These two, with S. M. Mischler, formed the original committee of the Jesters, and they elected new members between them, the first qualification for a new member being that he played games, or tried to, "As you like it."

Other members of the present committee are T. C. S. Hayward, hon. treasurer, F. M. Strawson, of squash rackets fame, W. J. A. Davies, and J. D. P. Whentley, the Rugger and lawn tennis international.

At the very beginning the founders decided that the club should not be limited to St. Paul's, nor to any school, nor necessarily to any nationality. The Club is called the Jesters' Squash Rackets and Fives Club officially, but that does not mean that cricket is necessarily dropped from the club's activities.

Rugby Fives Improvement.

The development of Rugby Fives was perhaps the chief objects of the club when it was first seriously formed, for Rugby Fives, in spite of the work of that great master of the game, Dr. E. F. Cyriax, was lacking in the organisation of matches.

Squash rackets was the second baby, and in the first year the Jesters had 7 Rugby Fives fixtures and one squash rackets match.

After that first season the club shot up like Jack's Beanstalk. In the original fixtures for 1930-31 over 60 matches were arranged; as a matter of fact new fixtures have been arranged since the beginning of the season.

"Jesterettes" Soon?

A suggestion has been made to elect "Jesterettes"—for squash rackets is becoming increasingly popular with women—and "mixed" matches in private courts would make for something like the perfection of week-end parties.

If "Jesterettes" are elected, the club will be drawn into lawn tennis matches among their other activities.

It is devoutly to be hoped that the Jesters encourage in every way in their power—and their power may be very far-reaching—the game of Real Tennis, "the King of Games and the Game of Kings." The Jesters already have squash rackets and four courts, with a cricket tour in the offing; a tennis tour sounds almost too good to be true!

Hugh Gallacher is a small man, with a genius for keeping the ball "tied to his toes." He is so tricky that often the only way of robbing him of the ball is to bring him down, and consequently his passage through the season is a rough one. —A Daily Express Writer.







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How He Draws \$10,000 a  
Week Into His Shows.

## WYLIE SEES RED.

This is the season of the year  
when my friend Julian Wylie is apt  
to see red. Some one is bound to  
get up and say that pantomime is  
dead, and that sets him off, writes  
William Pollock in the Sunday Ex-  
press of December 14.

Julian Wylie persists in five  
pantomimes. There will be five  
this year, to be exact—in London,  
Liverpool, Birmingham, Manches-  
ter, and Edinburgh. Which will  
bring his total score of these pro-  
ductions up to ninety-four.

Next year he will no doubt do  
six pantomimes, and so be the first  
man to score a century in  
pantomimes.

In Julian Wylie's office in  
Shaftesbury-avenue there is hang-  
ing a photograph of George Robey.  
Robey has written on it: "I al-  
ways feel sorry for poor Julian  
about three weeks before the  
pantomimes start."

But, bless you, "Poor Julian"  
likes it; he loves putting on  
pantomimes and rushing all over  
the railway systems seeing to  
them.

"On Monday I shall be in Edin-  
burgh, on Tuesday in Birmingham,  
on Christmas night in Liverpool,  
on London on Boxing 'night, and I  
shall then catch the midnight train  
to Manchester," he tells you in that  
slow, resigned way of his. He has  
not had a Christmas dinner at home  
for years. And if you say, "Why  
do you do it?" he replies: "Oh, I  
don't know. I suppose because I  
like pantomime."

His brother Lauri Wylie, the  
playwright, said to me the other  
day: "I don't know how Julian  
manages it all. I believe he likes  
going in trains to Scotland. I  
don't know why he never seems to  
get tired. I hate going in trains."

The fact of the matter is that  
Julian Wylie has a pantomime com-  
plex. It began when he was a  
small boy in Southport (where he  
was put to be an accountant, but  
did not care about the job), and  
dreamed that one day he would pro-  
duce a pantomime at Drury Lane.  
He did—last year.

"I thought it was a success," he  
said to me, the last time I saw him.  
"Anyhow, it played to \$10,800 in  
one week, and to more than \$9,000  
in each of the following three  
weeks. But, somehow, they don't  
want me to do another Drury Lane  
pantomime this year, and so I am  
doing one at the Dominion, which  
holds more people."

When Julian Wylie talks panto-  
mime it is easy to understand why  
he persists in it and believes in it  
and gets rattled when he finds any  
one saying that it is "dead."

"Aladdin's" Fortune.  
Ten years ago his "Aladdin"  
played to between \$64,000 and  
\$65,000 in fifteen weeks  
at the London Hippodrome. In  
Manchester one season a "Mother  
Goose" of his took \$39,000 in ten  
weeks. He has paid George Robey  
a record pantomime salary of \$650  
a week, and opened to advance  
bookings of \$25,000 on the strength  
of it—evidence of what a box-office  
attraction Mr. Robey is.

Julian Wylie employs about a  
thousand people, artists and others,  
in pantomime during Christmastide  
and the New Year; and he es-  
timates that about two hundred  
pantomimes are put on, up and  
down the country, every year.

"So I wouldn't say that panto-  
mime is exactly dead, or even dying  
—would you?" he remarks challeng-  
ingly.

He will talk for an hour on  
pantomime. He is encyclopedic on  
the subject. What does the word  
mean? It means "A man who imi-  
tates all." How old is it? It's as  
old as the ancient Greeks, and it  
came to this country from Italy in  
the reign of James the First. Why  
does Harlequin wear such queer  
garb? Well, all his "lozenges"  
signify something—the black patch  
is despair, the yellow patch hatred,  
the blue patch hope, the red patch  
love.

When Harlequin waves his wand  
in his right hand it means a good  
action; when he waves it in his left  
hand, a bad action. The pigtail  
curling over a clown's head signi-  
fies defiance, and the reason why  
clowns speak in funny, thin voices  
and are called "Goey" goes back to  
"Goey" Grimaldi, the father of  
clowns. Julian knows it all by  
heart.

"Stick to the story" is his golden  
rule about pantomime. His argu-  
ment is that nearly every panto-  
mime is based on a fairy story or  
a rhyme that most people heard in  
the nursery and that if you play  
pranks with it they will be disap-  
pointed and annoyed. Foreign  
turns and men in modern trousers  
are two things which he will not  
tolerate in his pantomimes, which  
always begin with the words  
"Here we are again."

"Aladdin" is his favourite, partly  
because he can get all sorts of  
"magical" tricks and stunts—which  
he loves—into it, partly because it  
was the subject of the first panto-  
mime which he ever did with his  
late partner, James W. Tate.

"Jimmy" Tate was married to Miss  
Clarice Mayne, and as her accom-  
panist, "That" was vastly popular  
in variety. He died—of pneumonia,  
I believe—through rushing about  
the country in his motor-car in bit-  
ter weather, to see how various  
Wylie-Tate pantomimes were far-  
ing.

Julian Wylie has all pantomime  
cards indexed. When I was in his  
office a few weeks ago a clerk was  
busily filling in printed postcards,  
telling potential chorus girls when  
and where to report for auditions;  
and when I went into his room I  
found him poring over two huge  
sheets of ruled-off cardboard while  
Miss Dorothy Ward, turned over  
stacks of songs.

"What are you doing?" I asked,  
as he wrote something on one of  
these cardboard expanses.  
"Filling in the music chart," he  
said. "I've got every scene in every  
one of my pantomimes tabulated  
here, and I write in the names of  
the songs and the singers as we  
decide on them."

"Nowadays all the songs sound  
alike to me," remarked Miss Ward.  
"When I started in this business we  
had songs that people could remem-  
ber. Now we don't. Can you re-  
member any of the songs you  
heard in last year's pantomimes?"  
I cannot.

A Vancouver electrical supply  
firm has been awarded a \$100,000  
contract to string 80 miles of power  
line on about 1,000 poles for a new  
power development project on Van-  
couver Islands, says a report of the  
Industrial Department of the Van-  
couver Board of Trade.

DISPUTE OVER RIGHT  
TO PRINT BIBLE

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## HIGH COURT MAY DECIDE.

The Daily Express understands  
that the High Court may be called  
on to decide in the near future  
questions affecting the right to  
print and publish the Authorised  
Version of the Bible.

A dispute has arisen on this mat-  
ter which is of personal moment to  
every person who purchases a new  
Bible.

The point at issue is whether  
such a Bible, if not produced by one  
of the three "approved" printers,  
in any way infringes their rights.

All manner of interests are in-  
volved, including those of the  
Crown, the owners of the copyright,  
and of various religious societies.

Three printers in England have  
the right to issue the Authorised  
Version of the Bible. They are the  
Cambridge University Press; the  
Oxford University Press—who hold  
the privilege under royal charter—  
and Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd.,  
the King's printers, who have the  
right under letters patent.

Other firms have, however, printed  
and published an Authorised  
Bible.

Recently Eyre and Spottiswoode,  
Ltd., have objected to the Bible  
issued by John F. Shaw and Co.,  
Ltd., of Pilgrim Street, London.

"Must Be Withdrawn."

Solicitors were instructed by the  
King's printers, and demanded that  
John Shaw and Co. should stop the  
Bible they published.

The solicitors acting for Eyre  
and Spottiswoode wrote to the solici-  
tors for John Shaw and Co. in-  
sisting that the "Shaw" Bible must  
be withdrawn.

They asked that all reasonable  
steps should be taken to call in  
copies of the Bible from circulation  
and to prevent any further sales;  
that all copies in the warehouse  
should be destroyed, and that the  
sheets and plates and the standing  
type should be broken up.

There was a further request for  
an undertaking that John Shaw  
and Co. should not do anything in  
the future to infringe the royal let-  
ters patent for the printing of the  
Authorised Version of the Bible  
held by Eyre and Spottiswoode.

It was pointed out in the letter  
that if this proposal for the destruc-  
tion of the Bible was accepted, to  
then Eyre and Spottiswoode would  
waive any claim for damages, but  
if the request was not complied  
with, then Eyre and Spottiswoode  
reserved all rights of future action.

The point had been mentioned in  
previous correspondence that this  
question of the copyright of the  
Bible and the royal letters patent  
of Eyre and Spottiswoode might be  
raised in the House of Commons on  
a question.

The solicitors to Eyre and  
Spottiswoode answered this point  
by saying that their clients would  
not be influenced in any way by this  
suggestion of House of Commons  
questions.

Eyre and Spottiswoode, said the  
solicitors in their letter, were not  
prepared to make any arrangements  
with John Shaw and Co. for the  
publication of an Authorised Ver-  
sion of the Bible on payment of a  
royalty.

"We maintain that the Bible we  
publish is in no way an infringe-  
ment of copyright," said the man-  
ager of John Shaw and Co.

"It is an illustrated Bible, mainly  
for Sunday school use, and our  
firm has been issuing it for fifteen  
years. Now we are faced with this  
ultimatum to stop printing."

This problem of the copyright of  
the Bible extends to several reli-  
gious societies. The Religious  
Tract Society, who issue many  
thousands of Bibles, held a meeting  
of their committee to discuss the  
whole difficulty.

The British and Foreign Bible  
Society, the largest publishers of  
Bibles in the world, are not affected  
by any legal argument, for with  
their English version of the Bible  
they publish the printed sheets  
from one of the three "approved"  
printers.

Difficult Question.

A curious point arises with re-  
gard to Scotland, for in that coun-  
try William Collins, Sons, and Co.  
have the Crown sanction to print  
the Authorised Bible. The Collins-  
printed Bible can be sold anywhere  
in England.

"The question of the copyright of  
the Bible is a difficult one," said  
the manager of the Bible department  
of one of the "university" presses.  
"The copyright is vested in the  
Crown, and it seems to us that only  
the Crown could properly take  
action for any infringement of the  
copyright."

"If any alteration is made by  
printers in the Authorised version  
of the Bible—even if it is only a  
comparatively small alteration—  
then it is questionable whether the  
copyright has been infringed."

"Obviously the problem is one  
which only the High Court can  
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# BRITISH THEATRE IN 1930.

## No. Epoch-Making Events Recorded.

### MORE SCOPE.

The past dramatic year, while it has been devoid of any particularly epoch-making events, is notable as being the first one for a long time to give us any definite hints of the lines on which the theatre of the future is likely to develop. The age of confusion engendered in the first instance by the war seems at last to be passing away. Two years ago the British theatre looked like reverting to normal conditions, but the talking pictures then came along and threw it into a fresh spasm of pessimistic conjecture. But now that the "talkies" have become, not the dangerous rivals they were first believed to be, but wealthy and enterprising co-operators who are putting large sums of money into the pockets of actors and playwrights, it is possible to take stock of the present situation and from it deduce the prospects of the future.

### Talking Pictures.

The first thing which strikes us in reviewing the theatrical activities of the past year, is their extraordinary scope and diversity. And it is this, we venture to think, which ensures the survival of the theatre. Talking pictures are expensive undertakings, and if they are to pay their way, must appeal to the largest possible public. This of course is a limitation which does not apply equally to the theatre, where the wants of the eclectic can be supplied expensively or, if need be, with the aid of a handful of actors and some curtains.

We find that the most successful ventures in the theatre have been those in which novelty and personality have played important parts. Of the successes of the previous year, "The First Mrs. Fraser," with its attractive combination of two distinctive and popular players, Miss Marie Tempest and Mr. Henry Ainley, and "Bitter Sweet," which struck a fresh note in musical plays, both continued their triumphant runs. Outstanding attractions among the newer plays have been "On the Spot," Mr. Edgar Wallace's daring and affrighting exposition of gang warfare in Chicago; "Cynara," which again gives us a popular acting partnership in that of Sir Gerald du Maurier and Miss Gladys Cooper; "The Man in Possession," Captain Harwood's sophisticated comedy at the Ambassadors; and Mr. Neil Grant's less shocking, though no less amusing "Petitcoat Influence."

### No Great Triumphs.

The old order of song-and-dance shows seems definitely to have faded away. Mr. Lee Ephraim's two offerings, "Heads Up" and "Rio Rita," which would have been successes a few years ago, both failed unmistakably. The new style of musical play has not yet been found, for this year we have had no triumphs in the same class with "Bitter Sweet." The biggest success has been scored by the Gaiety management, following up their past policy with the production of "The Love Race," "Silver Wings," "The Three Musketeers" and "Sons o' Guns" all succeeded only moderately, and even that measure was attained not because of their intrinsic merits, but because of the appearance in them of artists with a big drawing power. Perhaps Mr. Cochran has shown us the future evolution of the musical play with his lately produced "Evergreen," staged after the style of his famous revues.—The Era.

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## ROUND THE CINEMAS

### BEAUTIFUL LEGS OF HOLLYWOOD.

#### "THE GOLDEN CALF."

The most beautiful legs in Hollywood are on display in "The Golden Calf," Fox Movietone comedy with music, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre. Sue Carol, whose lower limbs have been acclaimed as the most perfect of any girl in pictures, is featured with Jack Mulhall, and an all-star supporting cast which includes El Brendel, Marjorie White, Richard Keene, and Paul Page.

Miss Carol is not alone in her beauty display, as she is surrounded by 100 of Hollywood's most beautiful dancing girls in the musical numbers. Every one of the girls was especially chosen for beauty of face and figure as well as dancing ability, it is said.

Millard Webb, who scored such a great success with his productions of "Glorifying the American Girl," "Gentlemen of the Press," and "Painted Angel," again has turned out a production that will please all classes of theatre-goers. The music is tuneful, the story is plausible and crammed with action, and the dance numbers are distinctive and fast.

#### "TRUE TO THE NAVY."

Let's go Clara Bow! Those who snapped up the entertainment treat the "It" girl offered in the Central Theatre last night had an hilarious evening. Clara has more "It" than she ever showed before in "True to the Navy." Surrounded by a dozen or more love-smitten navy "gobs," she shows what is good for the male ego. None of the boys makes any headway with the "Redhead" until Fredric March, the same handsome hero who stole her heart in "The Wild Party," lands right. The Clara gets a taste of her own foolishness. "True to the Navy" would be a good story even without Clara Bow. With Clara flashing her "It" smile, it's a dandy entertainment. Harry Green, the funny man of "Kibitzer" and "Honey," is a riot of laugh-making cracks and pantomime, and the rest of the cast looks as if ought to.

Clara, a soda-fountain girl in Harry Green's drug store, makes "It" a big business. All the sailors from the battleships in the harbour flock to the drug store for ice-cream sodas and a smile from Clara. She plays them all, collects the souvenirs, and says good bye with a smile. She has a special boy-friend on every ship and manages to keep them separated until the whole fleet, and all her special, drop anchor at once. She is sunk. Then she meets Fredric March, a woman-killer gunner's mate, and marches to the altar with him over the prostrate forms of half a dozen other smitten swains.

Clara's singing voice is one of the big features of "True to the Navy." She croons "There is Only One Who Matters To Me" as nobody else could. It's no wonder all the sailors believe her when she says it. Clara looks marvelous as she sings the number. She sings with her voice, with her eyes, with all her personality. And Clara Bow's singing is all the more delightful because it is a surprise talent.

#### "KING OF JAZZ."

Long hailed as the outstanding masterpiece in jazz music, George Gershwin's immortal "Rhapsody in Blue" has been both pictorially and musically transferred to the screen.

The only jazz composition ever to attain symphonic rendition, "The Rhapsody in Blue," in all its moods and with all its symbolism, has been recorded in "King of Jazz" by Paul Whiteman as music, and, atmospherised visually by John Murray Anderson, director. In all its lavish musical numbers "King of Jazz," the Universal extravaganza which is the next change in the Central Theatre, combines a previously unapproached sound-track with the ultimate in beauty.

So identified has "The Rhapsody" become as a part of Paul Whiteman's musical existence that Anderson, the New York impresario especially signed by Universal to direct "King of Jazz," was faced with the necessity to visualising it pictorially.

Anyone familiar with the music will appreciate the magnitude of Anderson's task, but he surmounted it in the usual pretentious way. A huge piano, forty feet long and seven feet high, was constructed to contain the entire Whiteman orchestra. Then a beautiful tree was built of crystal, and every instrument used in the band, moulded on a gigantic scale, was built into the set. This was all coloured in various shades of blue.

Then the celebrated Sisters "G," the dancing sensation of Europe, and the Hollywood Beauties, an organisation of the loveliest girls in filmland, selected by Anderson, were costumed with the Russell Markert dancers in Alice Blue. Because the production was photographed in Technicolour, several distinct shades of blue were desired for Anderson's contrasts, and so the Whiteman boys were dressed in Royal blue tuxedos.

### NATIONALISM IN ART.

#### Mr. Rutland Boughton's Plan For Opera.

Mr. Rutland Boughton, the composer, spoke on "Opera" (with illustrations from his own works) at the Manchester Central High School for Girls, where there is a branch of the British Music Society of about 200 members, comprising some two-thirds of the Upper School. Opera, said Mr. Boughton, was the most expensive form of all the arts, and could be afforded only by the very few. The consequence was that we had no British opera, nothing to express our own point of view.

He was an internationalist, but he believed in nationalism in art from the very bottom of his heart. Nationalism in the arts was the expression of our own individual, local, parochial, county, national point of view. We reached the world by beginning with our own homes, going on to the greater life of our city, the greater life of the county, of the country, until we reached finally the life of the world. That was what we finally wished to understand, but we should never understand it unless we started at home, and we should never have an opera in Britain which belonged to the community until we had learned to make one for ourselves.

"I make this suggestion," said Mr. Boughton, "that you in this school make an opera for yourselves; that you don't depend upon composer, paid hacks, to make the thing for you, but that you yourselves make your own opera." They had in Miss Maude V. Stell (music director at the school), he added, one of the most enthusiastic and capable musicians in the country, and she could overlook the production. "You make your own tunes," he added. "Babies make their own tunes. People who cannot make their own tunes are no good in the world."

Mr. Boughton gave some detailed advice as to how to begin to make an opera involving disquisition on the origin of "Three Blind Mice," and suggested that the girls should offer this opera to their parents and friends—the public. "It must," he said, "have a subject that concerns them as well as you. Here is a very good chance to tell your parents and teachers what you really think of them. (Laughter). It is an excellent discipline for teachers. They need discipline as much as you do. I look forward," he concluded, "to hearing this opera you are going to compose."

Calling on two girls of the school to speak to a vote of thanks, Miss Johnstone, the head mistress, said to the girls: "We will have two operas, and the teachers shall write one about you." (Laughter).

#### "ALL QUIET" BAN.

#### People Cross Borders To See Famous Film.

Berlin, Jan. 14. The film, "All Quiet on the Western Front," continues to provide food for political controversies in many countries. Thus reports received here from Angola and Belgrade indicate that the film has just been prohibited by the Turkish as well as the Jugo-Slav Governments although the two States stood on opposite sides during the World War. So far the film has been banned in Germany, Austria, Poland and New Zealand. The Soviet Government, on the other hand, is arranging for the picture to be shown all over the country.

Meanwhile, special trains are being run from various cities in Western Germany to Strasbourg with people anxious to see the much contested film there. The same thing is happening in Austria where special trains have to be run from Vienna to Pressburg, Czechoslovakia, where the houses showing the film are crowded to capacity.

#### CHINA'S FIRST "TALKIE."

#### "The Singing Peony."

The first Chinese "talkie" picture in the native language is awaited with interest. The Singing Peony is not a title that would commend itself as a thriller to the magnates of Hollywood or Elstree, and the "star," a comely dame called Butterfly Wu, is not an Anna May Wong. But neither fact will worry the Chinese producers nor the Chinese millions who have never heard of either. The Singing Peony provides a thrill after their own hearts, a play which, though it relates to the period of the Sung Dynasty (A.D. 950-1127), is yet sufficiently up-to-date to include a woman bandit leader and desperate encounters between rival hordes, with all of which the present-day Chinese is unhappily only too familiar. The only fly in the ointment as far as one can judge is the lingual one. The camera is already in action, and the actors, having had several months' teaching, are using the Mandarin dialect. But this is

the old official language, suitable, no doubt, to the play and the period, but not very popular in China today. If the actors have had to learn it, may not the untutored audience have some difficulty in comprehending it? Strange though it may seem, an actor from Ningpo speaks a dialect wholly unintelligible in Shanghai or Anhwei. Each of the provinces, in fact, uses its own dialect, most of them several, according to whether the inhabitants work in the towns, the country or the hills, and therefore the difficulty of producing a "talkie" understandable by all of China's four hundred millions will readily be comprehended.—China Express and Telegraph.

### THREAT TO FILM STARS.

#### Hollywood An Armed Camp.

New York filmland is preparing for war and blank cartridges have been replaced by ball in the weapons carried by make-believe warriors of the screen at Hollywood following a series of robberies and particularly, the kidnapping of Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin and Georges Carpentier in New York.

This is regarded as a direct challenge from the underworld, and film stars are convinced that the attractive field they offer to gunmen is now recognised by the gangland chieftains.

The chauffeurs of Janet Gaynor, Winfield, Sheehan and others now hold permits to carry revolvers, while armed guards patrol, night and day, on the estates of Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Gloria Swanson, Harold Lloyd and other leading actors and actresses. Guards also accompany the children of a number of film stars whenever they go out to thwart any attempts at kidnapping. In short Hollywood has assumed the appearance of an armed camp.

George O'Brien, the portrayer of cavemen on the screen, lived up to his part when he battered two hold-up men, disarmed them and turned them over to the police. Walter Catlett, the former music hall star, knocked out another gangster with a superb right uppercut to the point of the jaw.

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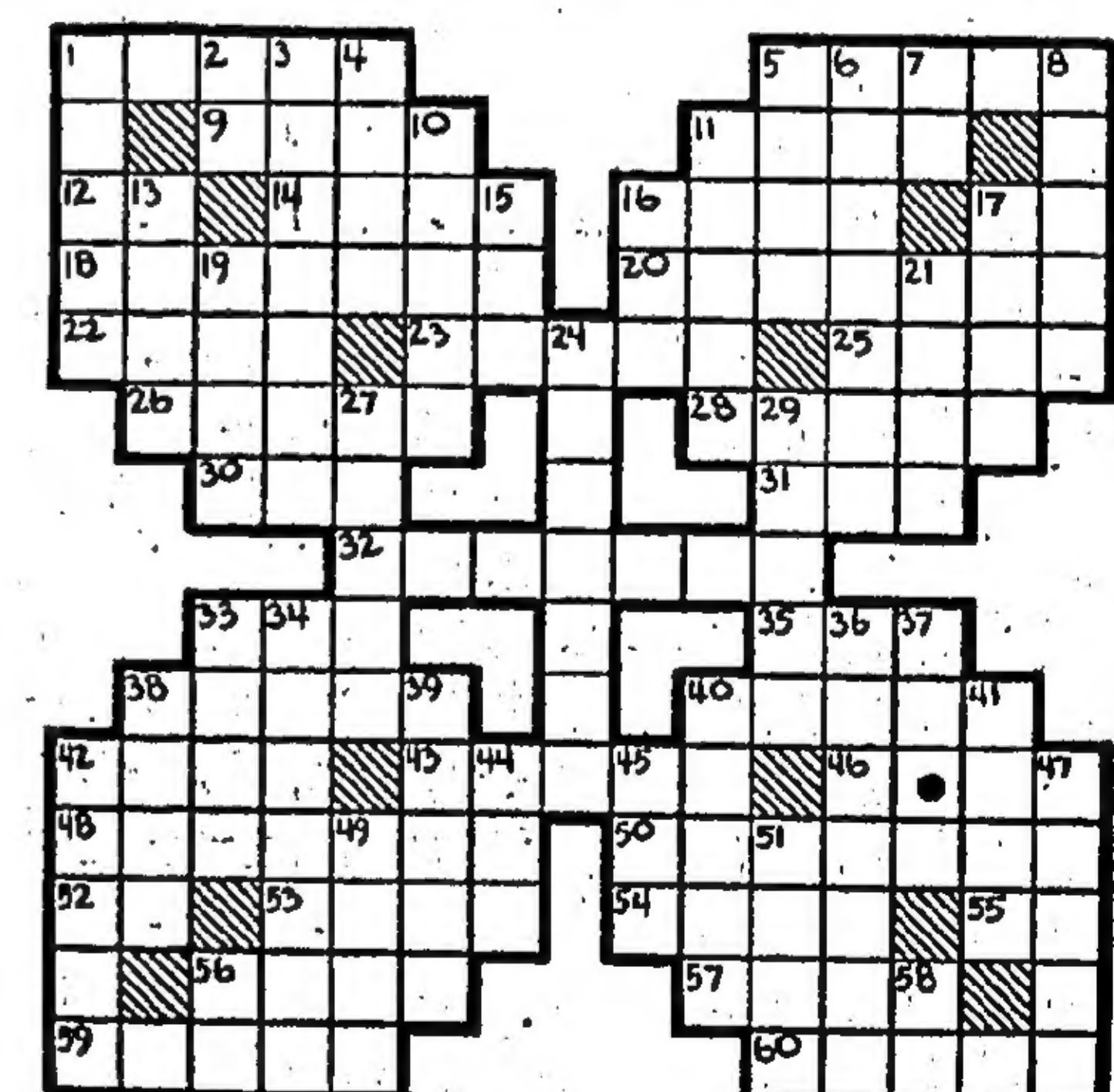
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                      | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>(VERTICAL Cont.)</b>                 |
| 1-Stumbles                             | 32-Had a gay time         | 18-To sway in walking                   |
| 5-Cleaver                              | 33-Authentic              | 19-Great long E                         |
| 9-To satisfy fully                     | 34-Unjustifiable delay    | 16-Personal pronoun                     |
| 11-Stalk of a plant                    | (Clv. Law)                | 17-Drops behind                         |
| 12-Burnt. Like                         | 35-A compass point        | 18-Among                                |
| 14-Morbidly tender                     | (abb.)                    | 21-Blockhead                            |
| 15-Dispersing remark                   | 36-To wait for            | 24-A New England state                  |
| 17-Toward                              | 37-To reckon the value of | 27-To go in                             |
| 18-Coincidence                         | 38-Goes before            | 29-Consumed                             |
| 20-Box for keeping cigars moist        |                           | 33-On                                   |
| 22-Prefix-halt                         |                           | 34-A compound of selenium               |
| 23-Edge of a roof                      |                           | 36-To remove from one region to another |
| 25-Not up                              |                           | 37-To sell                              |
| 26-His life                            |                           | 38-An approach to a                     |
| 28-Part of a shoe (pl.)                |                           | 39-Lawn                                 |
| 30-Leaf                                |                           | 40-Deep lethargic sleep                 |
| 31-Insect                              |                           | 41-Short for Ebenezer                   |
| 32-To vex                              |                           | 42-Covered with ivy                     |
| 33-To employ                           |                           | 43-A limb of the body                   |
| 34-Type measure (pl.)                  |                           | 44-A doctrine                           |
| 35-Kind of music                       |                           | 45-Notions                              |
| 36-Word with long bill                 |                           | 46-Deliver                              |
| 37-Things worshipped                   |                           | 47-By word of mouth                     |
| 38-Inner open court of a Spanish house |                           | 48-To exist                             |
| 39-Great desert in Mongolia            |                           | 49-Flash (abbr.)                        |
| 40-An acid liquid from elder           |                           |   |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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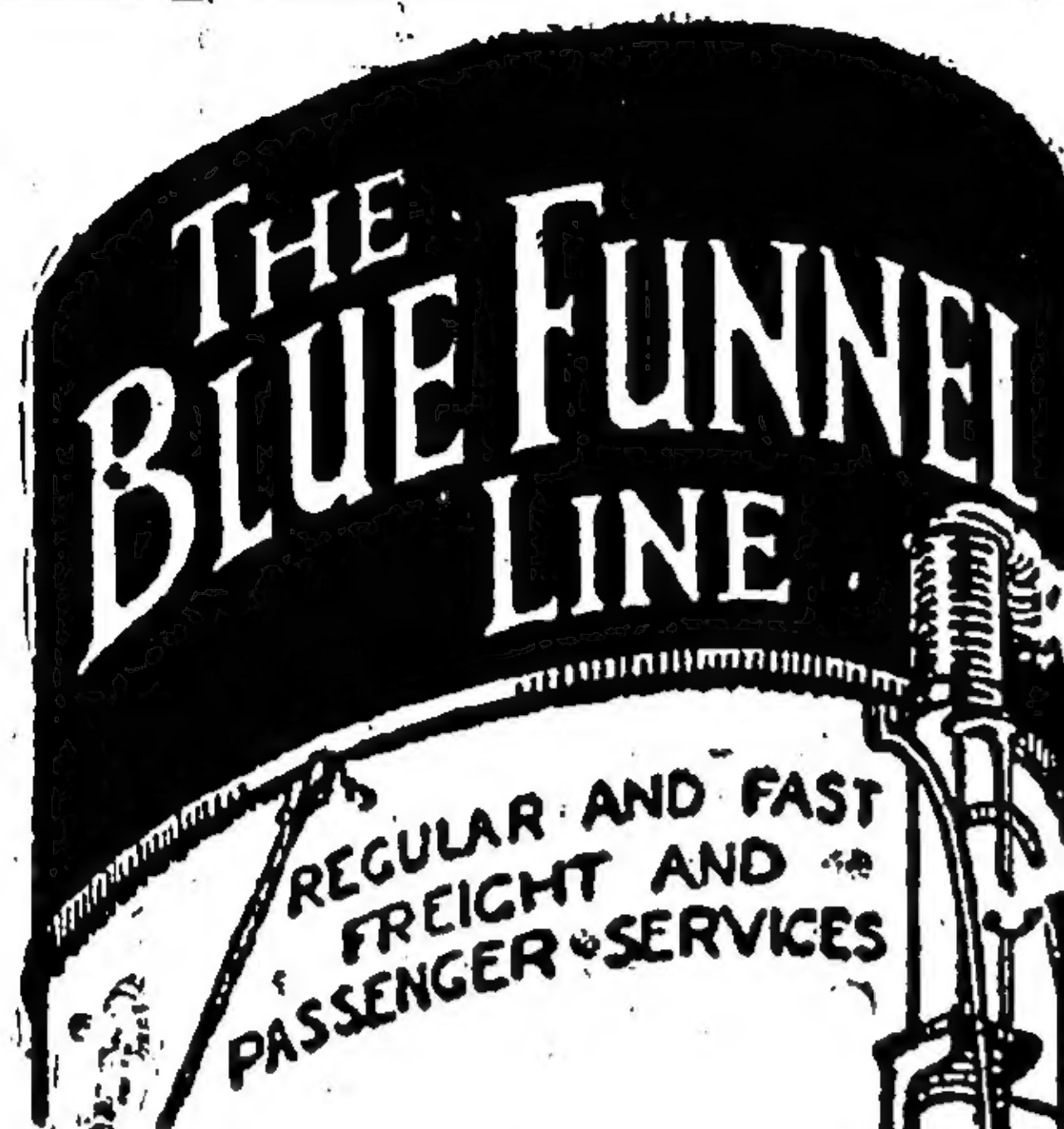
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## GENERAL LI CHUN EXECUTED.

Another Mushroom Militarist Shot.  
WAR CLOUDS FORMING.

Chungking, Yesterday.  
Brigadier-General Li Chun, who detained his divisional commander Lo Tsak-chow some time ago, was executed by General Chen Hsueh-wen, successor of General Lo, during the week-end. The three regiments belonging to Li Chun were subsequently reorganised.

General Lo, regaining his freedom, has returned to Kwang-an secretly, rallying 4,000 of his old followers, and pushing towards Yoching. The troops under Li Chih-hsiang and Yang Sen are also moving towards Kwang-an and Shunching. An

## NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Admiral Kelly Due Here To-morrow.

Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., who is to relieve Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, K.C.B., as Commander-in-Chief, China, is due to arrive in the a.s. Rawalpindi to-morrow.

Vice-Admiral Kelly will hoist his flag in H.M.S. Suffolk on Saturday. Admiral Wastell leaves Hong Kong for Home in the a.s. Malwa on Saturday.

## PROHIBITION BILL. AMENDMENT HELD UP BY COURT.

JUDGE'S DECISION.  
Washington, Yesterday.  
The United States Supreme Court to-day held up the Eighteenth (Prohibition) amendment. All America has been eagerly awaiting the Court's ruling since the decision given by Federal District Judge Clark, in Newark, New Jersey in December, declaring that the Eighteenth Amendment was invalid in view of the fact that it should have been ratified by a constitutional convention and not by State Legislatures.—Reuter's American Service.

## WAGE REDUCTION.

APPLICATION TO POSTPONE AWARD.

Melbourne, Yesterday.  
The Arbitration Court has rejected Mr. Brennan's application to postpone the award of a ten per cent. reduction in the basic wage in Australia.—Reuter.

(It was reported on February 5 that the Arbitration Court had dismissed the application of the Commonwealth Government for the suspension of the basic wage reduction, expressing the opinion that any project dealing with present conditions must comprise such reduction.)

chuen seems imminent.—Canton outbreak of war in Northern Sze-News Agency.

## BRITISH TRIUMPH OF NAVIGATION.

H.M.S. Nelson Passes Through Panama Canal.

"LIKE THREADING A NEEDLE."

Balboa, Yesterday.  
In the Panama Canal zone to-day a polyglot crowd of Americans, British, Chinese and others witnessed a triumph of navigation when the British battleship Nelson, with only four feet to spare, passed through the Canal locks and docked at the United States battleship Texas.

H.M.S. Nelson, which is on a five days' visit, weighs 40,000 tons, and is the largest ship that has ever negotiated the canal. Her beam is 106 feet while the Canal locks are only 110 feet wide.

Admiral Sir Michael Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, described her efforts throughout the Canal as "like a man's efforts to thread a needle." In spite of the masterly handling of the giant vessel the passage was not accomplished without damage and some of her boom brackets were broken in passing through Gatun Locks. Some of her steel side plates were also slightly bulged when she bumped the concrete sides of Pedro Miguel Locks.—Reuter.

## SENTENCE ON LADY EDMEE OWEN.

Five Years' "Reclusion" for Attempted Murder.

CIVIC DEGRADATION.

Versailles, Yesterday.  
The Assizes here to-day sentenced to five years' "reclusion" Lady (Edmee) Owen, widow of Sir Charles Owen, for attempting to murder the wife of her lover, Dr. Gastaud.

Lady Owen is a French woman and was formally an actress. "Reclusion" entails civic degradation, and numerous legal disabilities and regulations, whilst a severe and strict silence is enforced.—Reuter.

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